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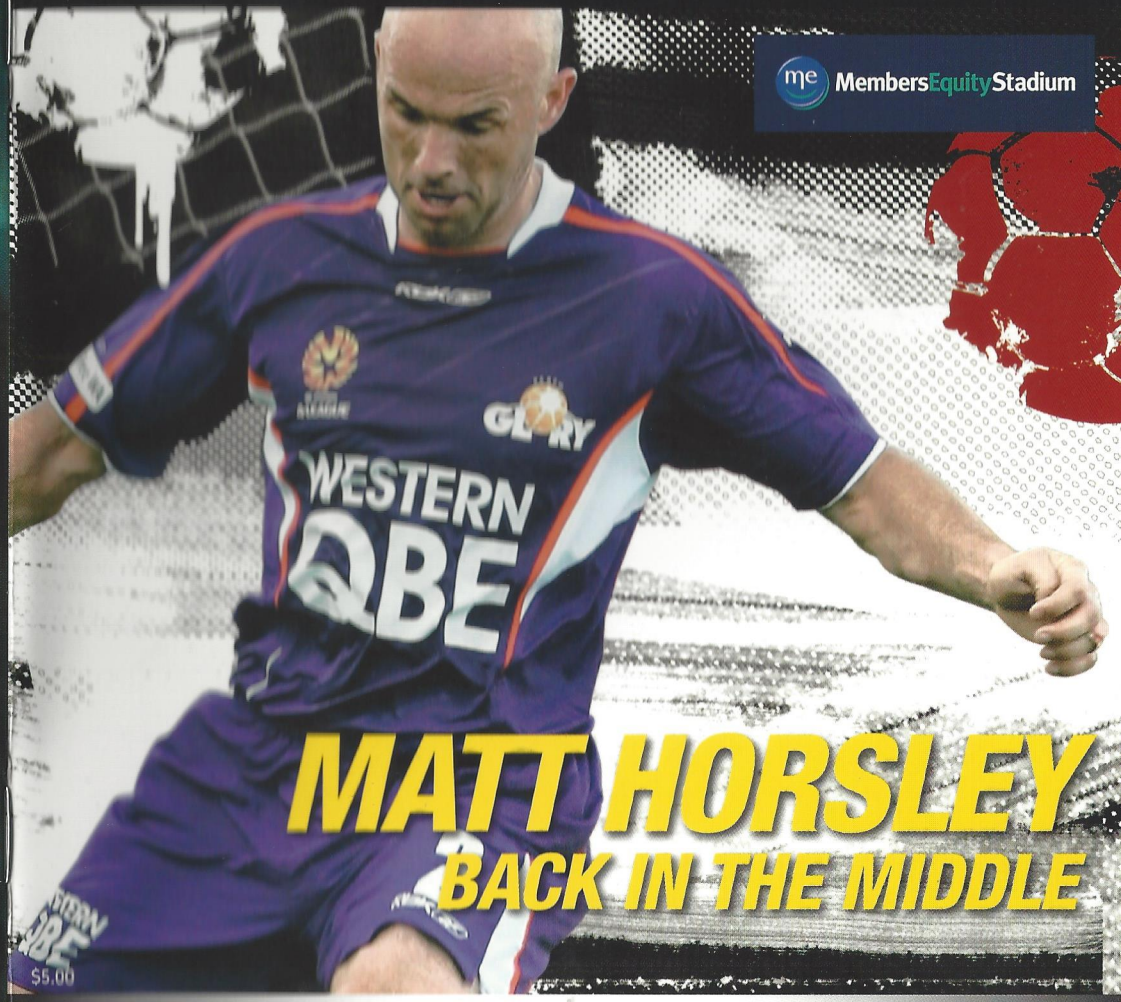

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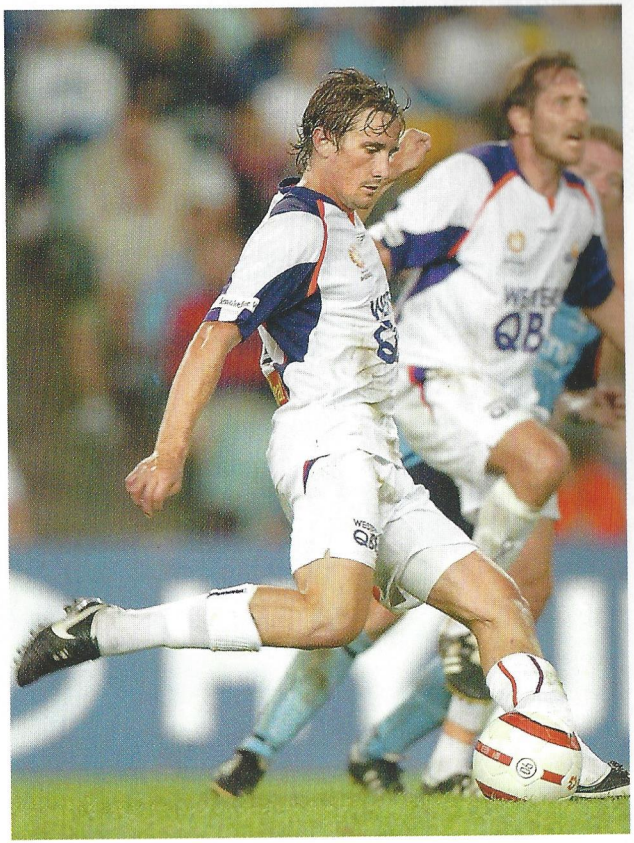
CRUNCH TIME

With just eight rounds left in the inaugural Hyundai A-League season, the scramble for the final four is on.



Previous page: Adelaide's Michael Valkanis and Knights goalkeeper Danny Milosevic do battle.

Left: Newcastle players line up against a Queensland free kick.

Right: Perth Glory's Nick Ward in action against Sydney.

As the inaugural Hyundai A-League season reaches its critical point, four clubs – Adelaide, Sydney, Perth and Newcastle – have stolen a break on the remaining quartet. They have put themselves in a position to grab the four finals spots after a series of Round 13 fixtures that may, in retrospect, have separated the pretenders from the contenders.

Adelaide's 1-0 victory over the struggling New Zealand Knights lifted them two points clear of the field and, with eight games left, John Kosmina's side now look set to snare a finals berth.

Sydney and Perth battled to an entertaining 0-0 draw at Aussie Stadium, the result dropping Pierre Littbarski's team to second spot on the ladder and consolidating the West Australians' place in the top four.

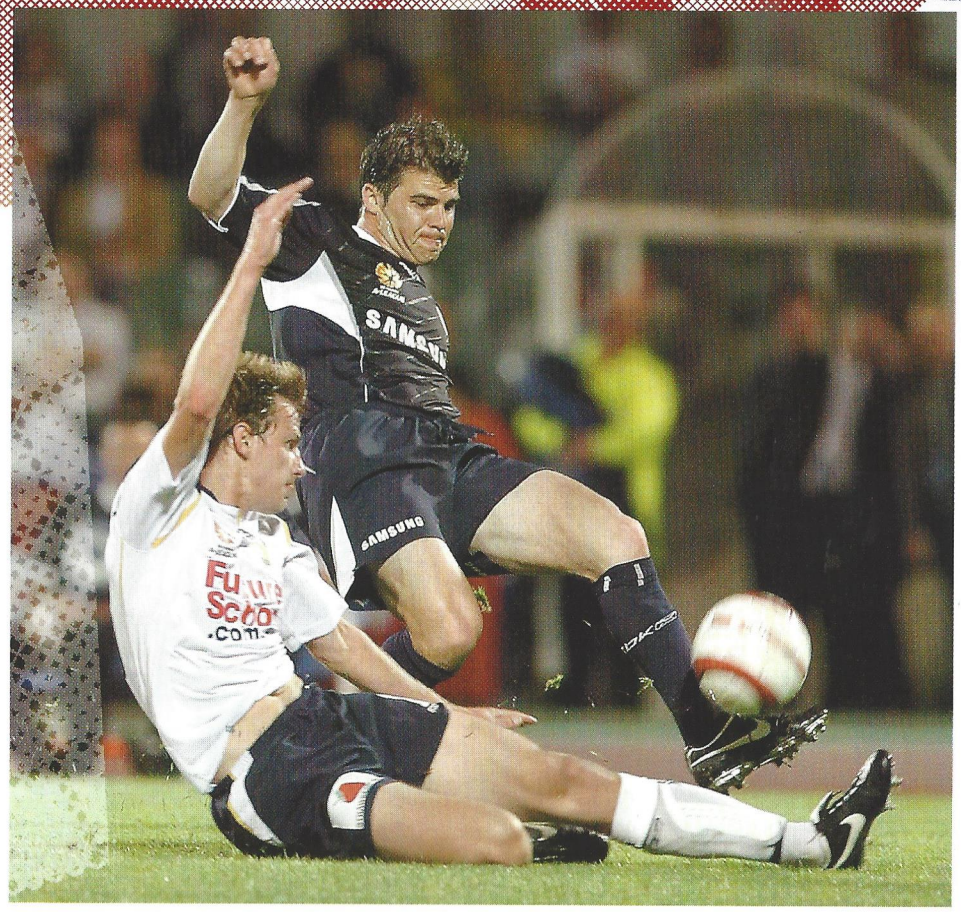
The in-form Newcastle also put daylight between itself and the fifth-placed Central Coast after grabbing a 1-0 win in Queensland against the goal-shy Roar, who now slump to seventh.

The Mariners, with their 2-0 win against the toothless Melbourne Victory, leapt ahead of the Victorian team, who have now gone nearly seven hours without scoring.

It was at Olympic Park that Round 13 action got underway, with Melbourne desperate to end their scoring drought and give their home supporters something to sing about. This was the fourth match in a row they had played at home, but Ernie Merrick's team has given its supporters precious little to cheer about, failing to score in the previous three games and taking only one point from a scoreless draw with Newcastle one week earlier.

There was to be no relief in sight on this night, either. Daniel Allsopp wasted a gilt-edged opportunity to put the hosts in front early in the match when he blasted over from close range, and that was as close as the hosts came.

The Mariners' stand-in



Melbourne's Andy Vlahos is tackled by Central Coast's Noel Spencer.

striker John Hutchinson took advantage of some slack marking from a free kick to put the visitors ahead shortly before the interval, and defender Dean Heffernan, getting forward to support the strikers, got in behind the Victory defence to slide home a second goal at 75 minutes, ensuring the points headed north.

While it was never an impressive game, it was a good result for Lawrie McKinna's side, who were without several key players, notably midfielders Tom Pondeljak and Andre Gumprecht.

One day later, nothing could separate Sydney and Perth after 90 minutes at Aussie Stadium, although the visitors will probably have flown back west believing they could have taken the lion's share of the spoils after creating several good opportunities.

Evergreen frontman Damian Mori set the tone early with a shot that Clint Bolton saved after four minutes, while Bobby Despotovski's fierce drive struck the crossbar and rebounded to safety not long after. Billy Celeski then shot over as the visitors made the running in front of a large 16,000-plus crowd. Among them were many Japanese fans there to roar on Kazuyoshi Miura, the veteran Japanese superstar on a short-term loan deal with Sydney in the lead-up to their appearance in the FIFA Club World Championship in Tokyo in December.

Sasho Petrovski and David Carney both had good efforts for Sydney in the second period, while Adrian Caceres also went close for Perth. Not even the appearance of Trinidad and Tobago's Dwight Yorke, who

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John Hutchinson of Central Coast scores a goal against Melbourne.

recently returned from captaining his country to the 2006 FIFA World Cup, could make a difference this time.

Sunday's double-header saw Adelaide dispose of the New Zealand Knights, as expected, but they made heavy weather of converting their territorial domination into goals as they leapt to the top of the table and gained their first home victory since September 9, when they defeated Melbourne Victory.

Adelaide played some good football in a one-sided first half and went to the break a goal up. Chinese striker Shengqing Qu headed home Travis Dodd's cross after the Dodd had been set up by a long Carl Veart pass in the 38th minute, and it looked from there as if Adelaide would go on and win easily.

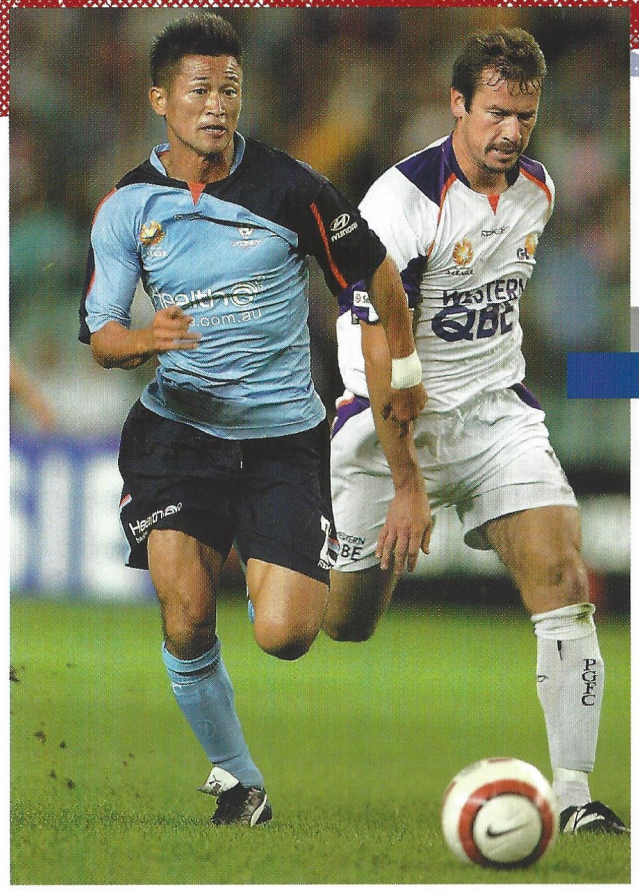
That they didn't is credit to the Knights nuggety resistance and their own bad luck after Fernando Rech's header came back off the crossbar. The Kiwis gradually came back into the match and, while it was still only 1-0, they always had a hope of snatching an unlikely draw. They almost did so in the dying minutes when Sean Devine's close-range effort was beaten away by goalkeeper Robert Bajic, a late inclusion for regular keeper Daniel Beltrame.

There was a sense of inevitability as proceedings unfolded at Suncorp Stadium as Queensland went in search of only their second home win of the season against Newcastle. The Roar, as they do in most matches, took the game to the opposition but could not find the target.

And Newcastle, playing with a confidence and authority borne of their lengthy six-match unbeaten run, showed their self-belief by launching plenty of attacks in an eventful first half, many of them orchestrated by Nick Carle, whose touch and vision continues to cause problems for any of his opponents.

Matt Thompson struck a post, but shortly afterwards the Newcastle wide-man gave his side the lead. It was, as is so often the case, Carle who was heavily involved. He fastened on to Jade North's long ball forward and, although his shot was saved by Tom Willis, Thompson was on hand to smash home the rebound.

Roar coach Miron Bleiberg put on the imposing Jordan Simpson, and the big man almost made an immediate impact, shooting just wide. The Queenslanders felt they should have at least got a point when Uruguayan Osvaldo Carro headed home, only for the goal to be disallowed for offside. Jonti Richter then hit the bar in stoppage time, but it was all to no avail for the Roar, whose 11 goals makes them the second-lowest scoring team in the competition.



Many in the Sydney crowd were there to cheer on Japanese star veteran Kazuyoshi Miura.

Kazuyoshi Miura of Sydney contests Perth's Jamie Harnwell.

Friday, November 25
CENTRAL COAST MARINERS VS QUEENSLAND ROAR
Central Coast Stadium, Gosford
Round 14 action gets under way this weekend Central Coast host Queensland in a game that has all the attributes of a six-pointer. With both sides in the bottom half of the table, defeat could make it very hard for whoever loses to make the finals.

The Roar probably attack more than any other team, but their conversion ratio is appalling – as their 11 goals in 13 games illustrates. For them to have any chance, their front players – Michael Baird, Jonti Richter and Alex Brosque – just have to click at some point. The Mariners, missing several key players, have done well to hang on to the coattails of the leaders and will be buoyed by their win over Melbourne Victory last week.

Andre Gumprecht should be back in action, although Tom Pondeljak will be out for a while longer. The Mariners have a poor record at home, as do so many clubs, but they were unlucky to go down to two late goals to Adelaide last time they played at home, and will be anxious to redress the balance this time.

Friday, November 25
PERTH GLORY VS NEWCASTLE JETS
Members Equity Stadium, Perth
In Perth, the Glory take on Newcastle in a game that neither will want to lose. Both have hit an impressive vein of form in recent weeks, but Newcastle will be desperate to avenge the 5-1 home defeat they suffered at the hands of the Glory in early October, the last time the Jets lost a match. Since then, they have scored 11 times and conceded four goals, so their confidence will be up for their first trip west this season.

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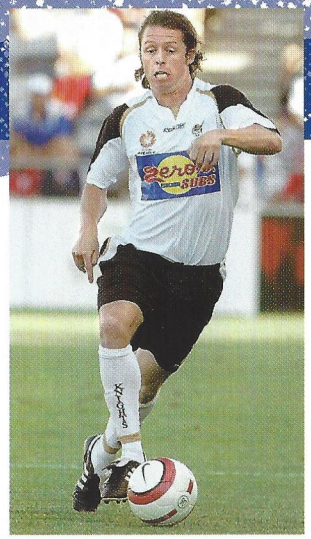

Left: Josh Maguire of the Knights in action. Right: Roar's Alex Brosque avoids a tackle by Newcastle's Ned Zelic.

The Glory crashed 4-0 at the Central Coast Mariners the week after handing Newcastle that drubbing but, like the Jets, they have not looked back since.

Perth began Melbourne Victory's horror run when they beat the Victorians in West Australia, and have taken eight points out of 12 in the four subsequent games.

This should be a keenly contested affair, matching Perth's livewire strikeforce of Despotovski and Mori against a tight Newcastle defence marshalled by veteran Ned Zelic.

Saturday, November 26

NEW ZEALAND KNIGHTS VS MELBOURNE VICTORY

North Harbour Stadium, Auckland

It's crunch time for Melbourne Victory as they travel across the Tasman to take on the down-and-out New Zealand Knights. Defeat against a side that has lost its last 10 straight will have the critics sharpening their knives and calling for heads at Olympic Park – something that would have seemed unthinkable when the Victory smashed Sydney 5-0 at Olympic Park in Round Eight.

But since then, Ernie Merrick's team have lost their way and have not scored in nearly seven hours, so this might be a match that the Kiwis – who have also struggled to hit the target – can give themselves a chance in.

Victory will regain a fit, refreshed and fully focused Archie Thompson for this one, and anything less than a win will hit their finals ambitions badly.

Sunday, November 27

ADELAIDE UNITED VS SYDNEY FC

Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide

The final match of the round features the top two sides, Adelaide and Sydney, both of whom look as if they will play finals football this season. Sydney took the honours in a combustible game at Aussie Stadium in Round Seven, when they ran out 2-1 winners thanks to Sasho Petrovski's 87th minute strike, but Pierre Littbarski's side can expect an even tougher assignment when they travel to Hindmarsh Stadium.

Adelaide's two key strikers, Fernando Rech and Shengqing Qu, are now much fitter and used to playing with each other than they were on that occasion.

Adelaide dominated the game against New Zealand and only scored once, while Sydney were fortunate to escape with a draw against Perth.

Sydney FC have been good on the road, while Adelaide notched only its second home win of the season against the Kiwis, having twice lost 4-2 (to Newcastle and Perth) at Hindmarsh, so Sydney will fancy its chances of grabbing at least a point here.

Michael Lynch is chief football writer for The Age *in Melbourne.*

HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE – ROUND 13 REVIEW

MELBOURNE VICTORY 0 CENTRAL COAST MARINERS 2 (John Hutchinson 38', Dean Heffernan 75') Crowd: 13,892

SYDNEY FC 0 PERTH GLORY 0 Crowd: 16,242

ADELAIDE UNITED 1 (Shengqing Qu 38') **NEW ZEALAND KNIGHTS 0** Crowd: 9676

QUEENSLAND ROAR 0 NEWCASTLE JETS 1 (Matthew Thompson 34') Crowd: 13,004

TABLE

	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Adelaide United	13	8	2	3	18	15	3	26
Sydney FC	13	7	3	3	23	17	6	24
Perth Glory	13	6	3	4	21	16	5	21
Newcastle Jets	13	6	3	4	19	15	4	21
Central Coast Mariners	13	5	3	5	19	18	1	18
Melbourne Victory	13	4	4	5	16	12	4	16
Queensland Roar	13	4	4	5	11	11	0	16
New Zealand Knights	13	1	0	12	7	30	-23	3

INDIVIDUAL STATS PROVIDED BY SPORTSDATA

Goals		Goal Assists		Fouls Conceded		Tackles	
Bobby Despotovski (PG)	7	Tom Pondeljak (CCM)	5	Stewart Petrie (CCM)	36	Kevin Muscat (MV)	66
Ante Milicic (NJ)	6	Nick Carle (NJ)	4	Steve Pantelidis (MV)	33	Hyuk-Su Seo (QR)	64
Stewart Petrie (CCM)	6	David Carney (SFC)	4	Simon Colosimo (PG)	27	Simon Colosimo (PG)	57
Sasho Petrovski (SFC)	6	Richard Alagich (AU)	3	Ross Aloisi (AU)	27	Steve Pantelidis (MV)	55
Archie Thompson (MV)	6	Steve Corica (SFC)	3	Andrew Clark (CCM)	27	Angelo Costanzo (AU)	51
Damian Mori (PG)	5	Jamie Coyne (PG)	3	Richard Johnson (NJ)	26	Michael Beauchamp (CCM)	48
Dwight Yorke (SFC)	5	Ante Milicic (NJ)	3	Alex Brosque (QR)	26	Andrew Clark (CCM)	47
Dean Heffernan (CCM)	4	Qu Shengqing (AU)	3	Hyuk-Su Seo (QR)	25	Zenon Caravella (NZK)	46
Kevin Muscat (MV)	4	Ross Aloisi (AU)	2	Nick Carle (NJ)	24	Geoffrey Claeys (MV)	43
Noel Spencer (CCM)	4	Alex Brosque (QR)	2	Terry McFlynn (SFC)	24	Mateo Corbo (NJ)	42

TEAM STATS PROVIDED BY SPORTSDATA

Goals		Goal Assists		Fouls Conceded		Tackles	
Sydney FC	23	Sydney FC	18	Adelaide United	209	Queensland Roar	390
Perth Glory	21	Central Coast Mariners	14	Queensland Roar	207	Melbourne Victory	368
Newcastle Jets	19	Adelaide United	13	Melbourne Victory	206	New Zealand Knights	336
Central Coast Mariners	19	Perth Glory	13	Central Coast Mariners	205	Perth Glory	335
Adelaide United	18	Newcastle Jets	11	Newcastle Jets	194	Adelaide United	305
Melbourne Victory	16	Melbourne Victory	9	New Zealand Knights	191	Central Coast Mariners	293
Queensland Roar	11	Queensland Roar	6	Sydney FC	180	Sydney FC	292
New Zealand Knights	7	New Zealand Knights	5	Perth Glory	162	Newcastle Jets	280

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The Qantas Socceroos banished the memories of four years ago and stuck it to Uruguay, whose "divine right" to play in the World Cup has been put on hold until 2010.

For football fans across the country it would have been a strange week. People who hate football have been dying to talk about the game, and football fever has officially hit.

Victory for the Qantas Socceroos has been great for football in this country for a number of reasons. First of all, a nation of juniors watched the game and idolised the likes of Mark Viduka, Lucas Neill, Brett Emerton, Marco Bresciano and Harry Kewell (who, I might add, returned to form with a bang). Secondly, the attention of a nation was grabbed and that can only be a positive for the Hyundai A-League. Thirdly, it set up a date in Germany, which potentially could involve a number of home-based players.

Archie Thompson was the only Australian-based player to face-off with Uruguay, but there are a host of players that will be close to Guus Hiddink's thoughts come Germany. I reckon that figure will increase by the time the squad is announced.

Most important for me has been the buzz surrounding the game. If we are going to talk drama, then it couldn't have been much better. As John Aloisi's penalty struck the net, a country was united by the most unlikely of sources. But the fact of the matter remains: the FIFA World Cup is the biggest sporting event on the planet, bar the Olympics.

In Germany, anything could happen and given the record-breaking interest that was shown in the qualifier, Australia may well become nocturnal for the month of the FIFA World Cup. But there is football to be played from January 1, 2006, as the Qantas Socceroos begin their Asian experience. It will be another significant challenge, but one that the people of Australia can enjoy in a time zone remotely close to our own.

Remember this week, because I honestly think that football finally landed in Australia at Telstra Stadium. The years of heartbreak and under-achievement are over, and this country is now united by the only global game. Long may it continue.

Enjoy the action, and I will see you next week.

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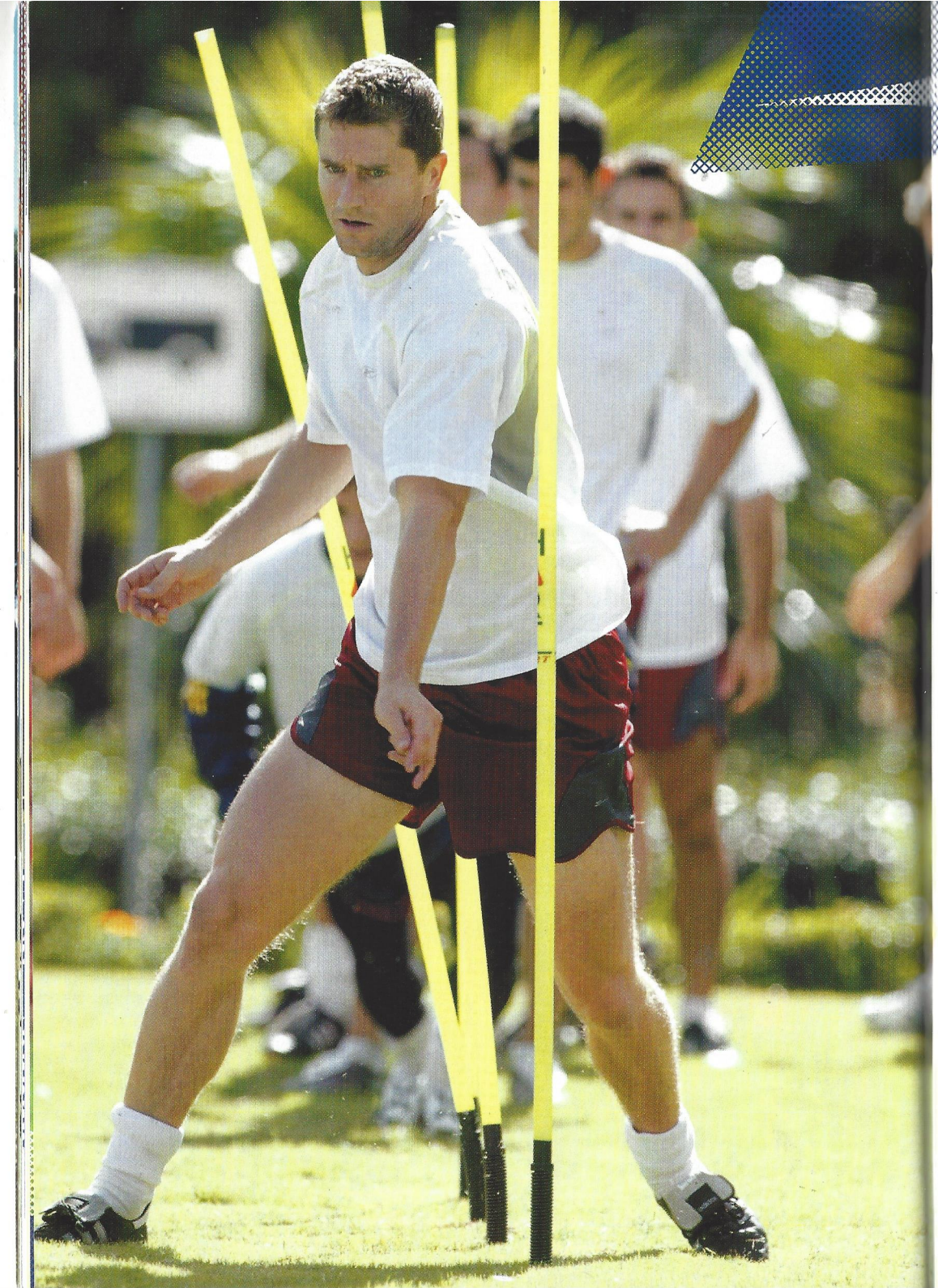
Tim Cahill and Harry Kewell celebrate Australia's win.

WORDS: Stuart Sykes

HEY BIG SPENCER

Mariners captain Noel Spencer may be an exceptional footballer, but he's just like the rest of us: he wants his kids to play football, gets excited about winning and thinks Australia's World Cup qualification is the greatest sporting moment in his life.



> *"The Hyundai A-League has taken off enormously well and now I hope it can really keep going."*

In years to come it will be one of those classic questions: where were you on the night when Australia qualified for the World Cup?

Noel Spencer's answer may be a prosaic one – he was at home like several million other couch potatoes, watching it on the box – but even on the end of a telephone you can sense the excitement in the Central Coast captain's voice.

"I was meant to go to the stadium," says Spencer (or "Spenny", as his teammates call him), who was not born until three years after Australia's last foray on to the world stage. "But I had to cancel at the last minute. We had a double training session and there just wasn't enough time to get there."

Like the rest of us, Spencer found it hard to express the enormity of the occasion. "It was just fantastic!" he says. "In fact, for me, it's probably the greatest sporting moment in my life."

At a time when his Mariners are struggling at the wrong end of a very close Hyundai A-League, Spencer, a veteran of Wollongong Wolves and Northern Spirit in the old national league, feels the Qantas Socceroos' success will be another major shot in the arm for the new setup.

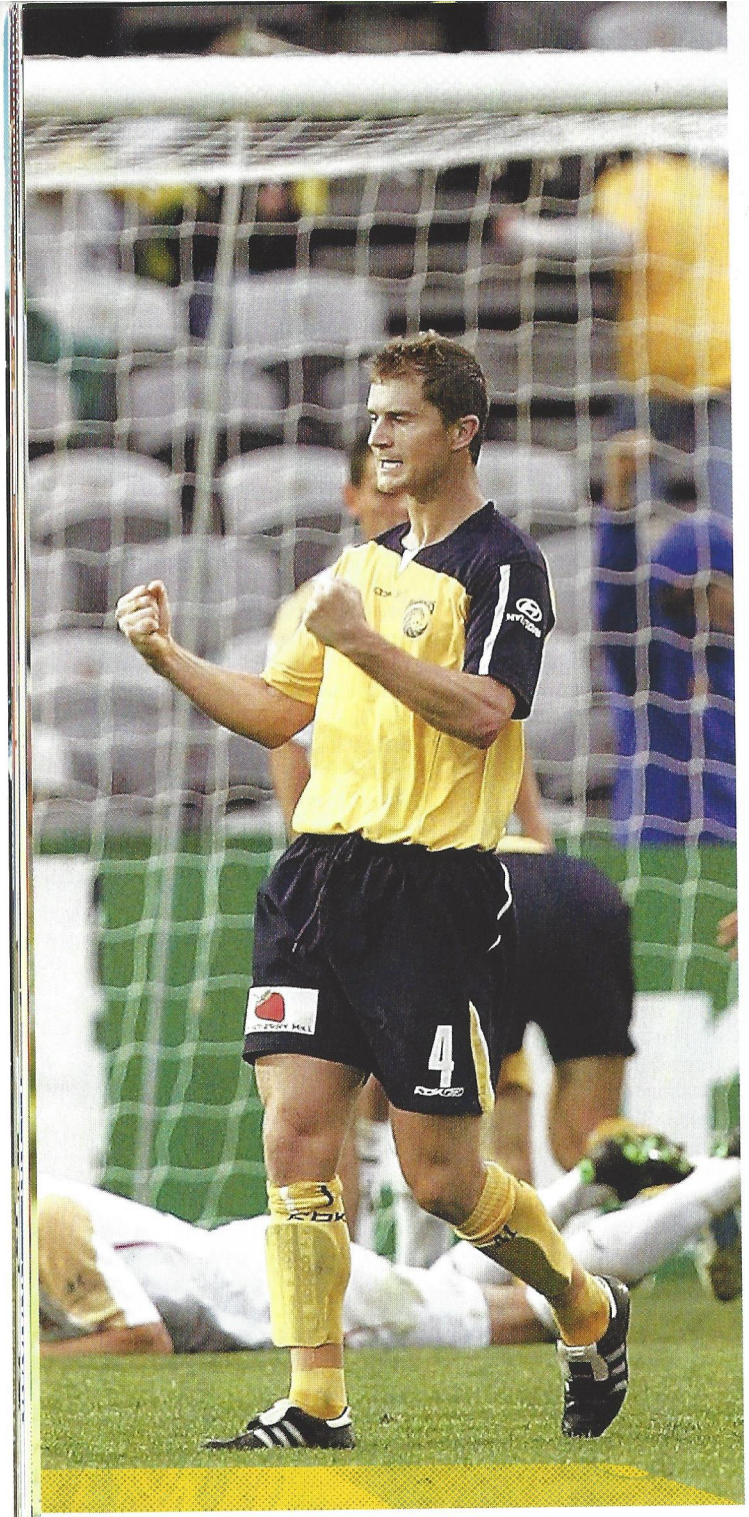
"It's really positive for the whole Hyundai A-League," he stresses. "For the younger players coming through, it's a wonderful incentive, and there will be a flow-on effect right down, from the Qantas Socceroos to every level of our game. And, most of all, it will have a massive impact on the public. The league has taken off enormously well and now I hope it can really keep going."

It was largely the Northern Spirit connection that brought Spencer to the club he now captains, just as he did for coach Lawrie McKinna's Spirit. The Spirit influence on the Mariners' setup is strong, from Spencer and McKinna through to development manager Alex Tobin, striker Stewart Petrie and midfielder-turned-striker John Hutchinson.

Scoring goals was the striking feature, if you'll pardon the pun, of Spencer's opening games in the Hyundai A-League. He netted the Mariners' first in the new competition when they beat the Glory in the opening round, and when he scored against them again in the reverse fixture at Gosford in Round 8 that brought his tally to four. Going into Round 13, it made him the club's second-top striker after six-goal Petrie.

Previous page: Spencer celebrating a goal against Sydney.

Left: At training with the Mariners.



Left: Spencer reslishing his goal assist to Stewart Petrie against the Newcastle Jets.

Right: Spencer takes on Sydney's Sasho Petrovski.

"I'd say I'm still spending more time in a holding role," he insists. "I've been playing alongside Andre Gumprecht for a few weeks now, and it just happens that I've found myself in situations where the scoring opportunities came along and I was lucky enough to take them."

Anyone who has seen the venom in Spencer's long-range strikes would be quick to deny the "lucky" component, but the goals have dried up of late. The Mariners have also found themselves on the wrong end of some puzzling scorelines, like Round 12's last-ditch loss to Adelaide at home.

"It was a tough one to swallow, that one," Spencer admits. "I thought we were on top, though we can play a lot better than we actually did. But in the end, we weren't mentally tough enough to grind out a result in the closing stages. They caught us napping in the last 10 minutes. You might have got away with it in the old national league, but this league is a different matter altogether – and it was the difference between being two points behind them and ending up eight in arrears."

The 5-1 drubbing at home to Sydney, by the skipper's admission, was the one that did them most damage. "That really hurt us, losing those goals and having a man sent off. We copped a few soft goals and

we've been looking long and hard at the videotapes since then. We really need to tighten up in different areas."

The man sent off so early in that game was Michael Beauchamp, a key figure in the Mariners' lineup who Spencer was delighted to welcome back in time for last week's win over the Victory at Olympic Park. "He's a great player," says Spencer. "In fact, I'd say he's a bit unlucky not to be in the Qantas Socceroos squad, but he's young enough and I believe his time will come."

It looked as though Spencer's own time might come at the highest level too. Starting as a four-year-old, he inherited his love of the game from Nottingham-born parents to whom, naturally, legendary manager Brian Clough was close to a lesser divinity.

"Yes, I'm a Nottingham fan," Spencer smiles, "but my brother's Liverpool mad, so that balances it out."

Born in Australia, Spencer played his early football in and around his native Wollongong and earned a schoolboy international call-up before starring with the Wolves at senior level between 1996 and 2000. When they beat the Glory in a penalty shoot-out in the '99-'00 Grand Final, it was a night of mixed emotions for Spencer.

"It was one to remember and one to forget," he laughs. "Yes, we won it in the end – but I only played the first 45 minutes

before being subbed!"

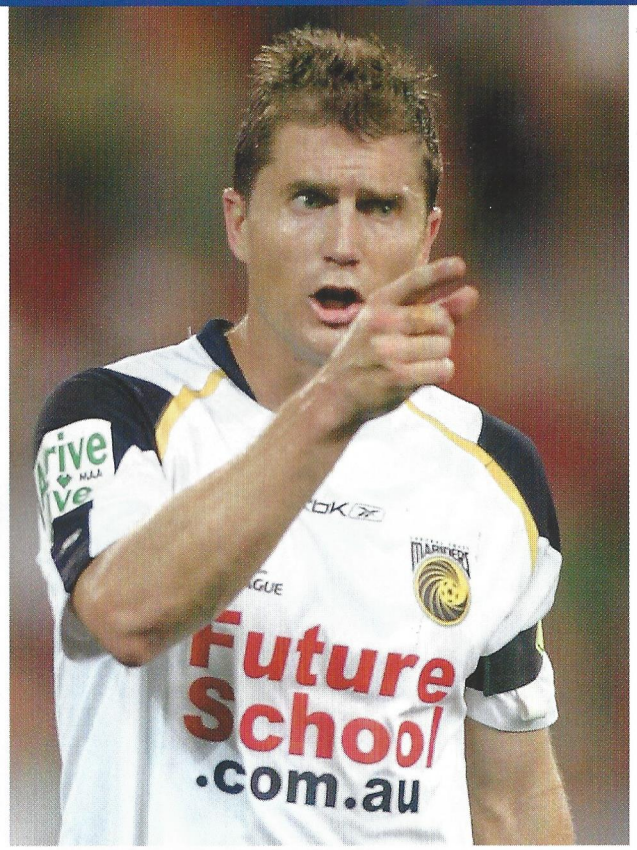
Spencer is a mixed bag himself. Modest in the extreme, he describes himself as a hard-working player who scores the occasional goal. He's also a little surprised at being the Mariners' first captain and honoured, in his own words, to fill the position.

"There's any number of our players who could have got it before me," he says, "but we all bond together. We're a close-knit unit, and I think that's really the key thing Lawrie has instilled in us as a gaffer."

On the other hand, his on-field hero is big, bad Irishman Roy Keane. "I like his attitude," explains Spencer, a no-nonsense character in his own way. "He's one tough cookie: a grafter, a player who gets stuck in – a very productive footballer."

Carrying the football message to territory dominated by other codes has been one of the Mariners' key roles, and Spencer has relished the chance to get out and work with younger players.

"We do a lot of work in schools through our sponsors Arrive alive and Future School," he explains, "and in most ways we're quite a family club. It's great working with the youngsters, if you can help them in any way."



Soon to be a family man himself – he and his long-time fiancée will tie the knot in March and are expecting their first child in May – Spencer ends the conversation on the same excited note it began on.

"It's very pleasing to help the younger kids," he says. "Now I think the game in our country has a big chance. People will get behind the code and the country, I think, and it will go forward in leaps and bounds. It will be so good to see those kids running around in Socceroo shirts ..."

Above: Spencer speaking his mind against Queensland Roar.

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KRIS BRIGHT

NEW ZEALAND KNIGHTS

AGE: 19 **POSITION:** Striker

WORDS: Terry Maddaford

Kris Bright wasn't exactly born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but it was pretty close. His father, Dave, was an All White in the 1982 World Cup campaign. His stepfather, Chris Turner, played for the national side and is a board member at the New Zealand Knights.

Further, John Adshead, World Cup coach and now NZ Knights football manager/coach, is a long-time family friend and was at Kris' christening.

But, Adshead insists, that played no part in elevating Bright to the 20-strong Knights squad when defender/midfielder Neil Emblen was sidelined by injury.

"I have known Kris since he was born," says Adshead. "I have watched him play since he was six years old. He has long had a passion and desire to be a professional player, but when it came to looking for three apprentices at our club, I was guided by (All Whites coach) Ricki Herbert."

Herbert, like Dave Bright, was a defender in Adshead's 1982 World Cup squad and has followed Adshead into the top job 20 years later.

"Ricki told me Kris Bright was in the top four or five players in New Zealand for his age so I was keen to have a look," says Adshead. "He has quickly shown out as a Fred de Jong-type player – a terrific receiver, technically very good. He has obviously been taught well.

"But, at the same time, I thought he was a big softie. He has been working hard but needs to be a bit more aggressive (and) show a bit more devil. By the time he is 20, I'm sure he will be physically stronger and show us a more physical presence."

Some might say Bright was tossed in at the deep end when he had three weeks trialling at West Ham as a 12-year-old. A year ago, he spent time back in England at Gillingham.

His father, stepfather and mother Donna obviously see it differently, and say it was simply part of his football education, which began when he first kicked a ball at the Manurewa Football Club in South Auckland as a four-year-old.

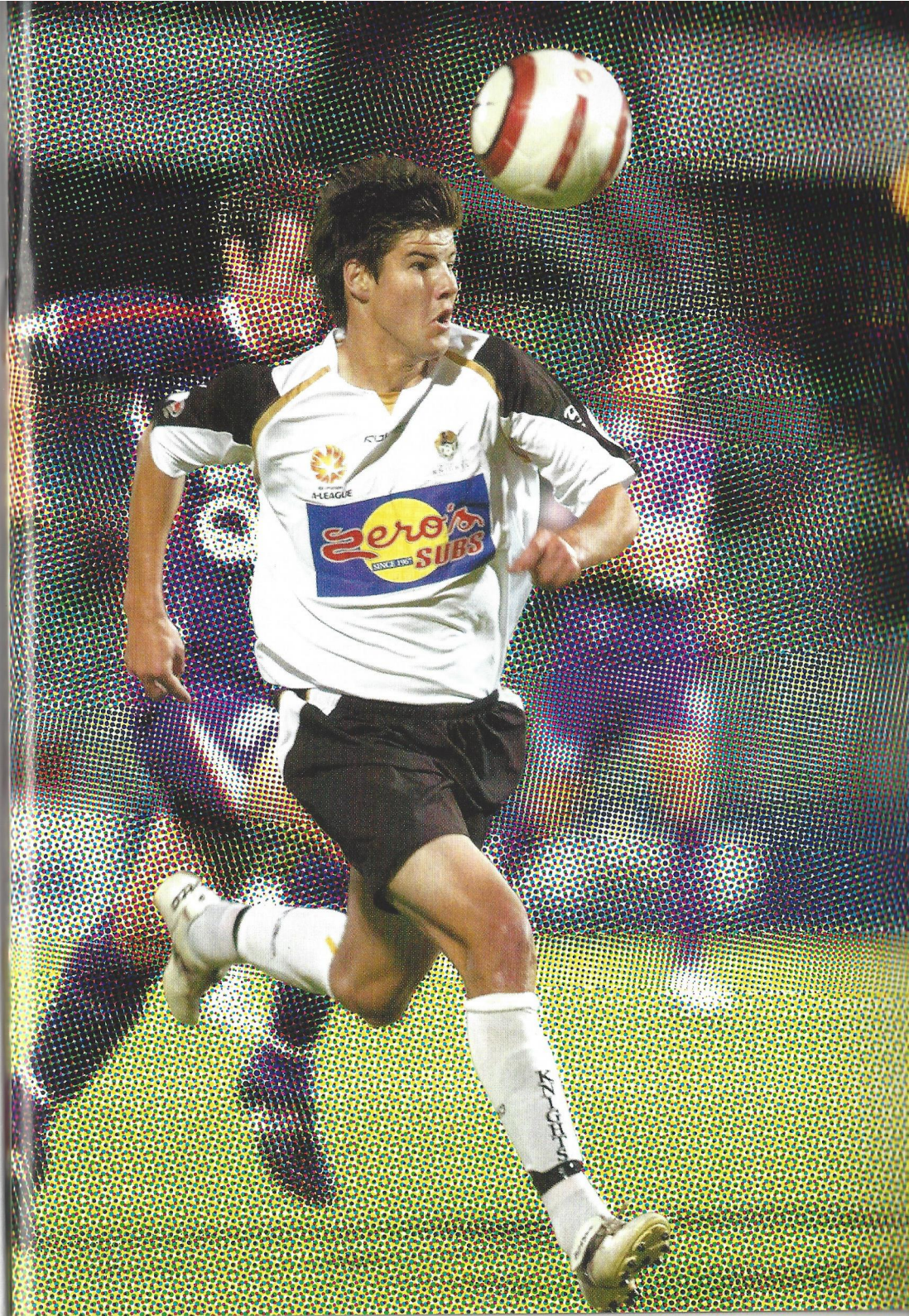
He later played at Papatoetoe and North Shore, then later in the inaugural New Zealand Football Championship with Waitakere United.

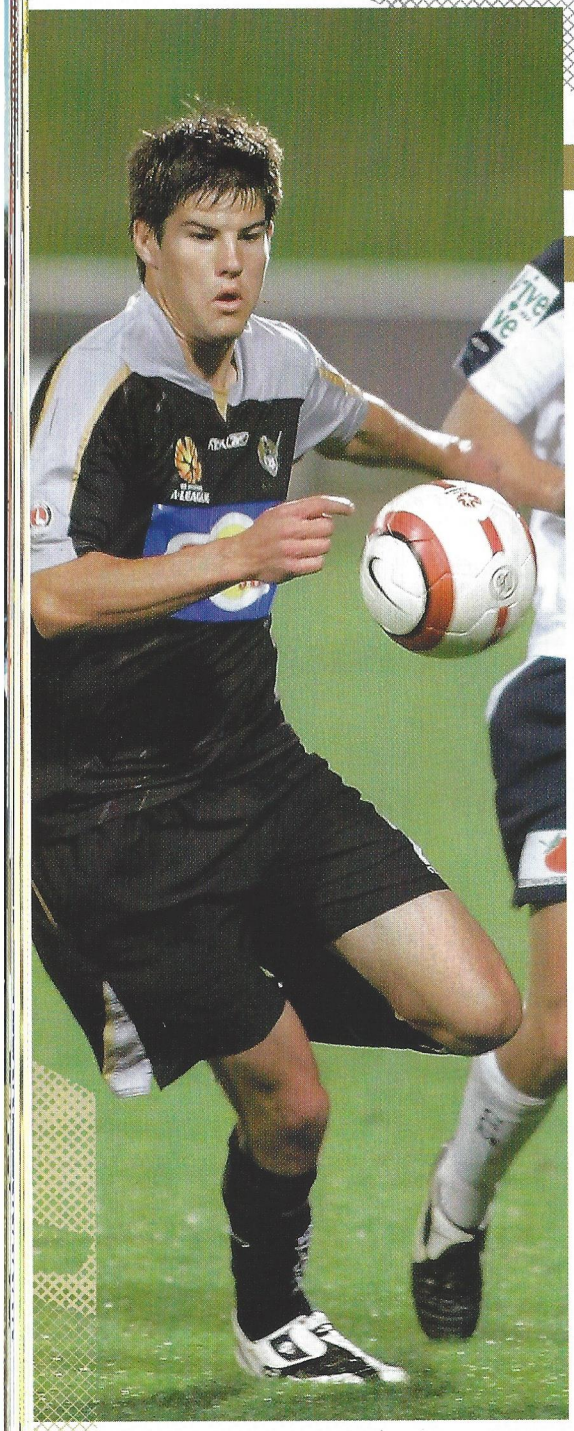
He had one game back at United this season before his call-up from the Knights.

"I always knew I would go the Knights," says Bright. "I was already an apprentice, so I hoped at some stage I could step up."

Bright, who has always played as a striker, is keen to further develop his target-man role.

"I need to get bigger, stronger and quicker. I don't accept that I'm as one-paced as some people suggest. I was a little bit slow when I was 12 or 13, but I made up for that by having quite good vision," Bright says. "Now, in training so much with the





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Knights, I get to go up against defenders like Danny Hay all the time, which gives me the chance to work on my touch.

"With the work I'm doing with (Knights trainer) Kenny McMillan I'm getting bigger and stronger. I have put on 5kg since pre-season."

Bright admits he has lived his whole life in a football environment, even when his father and mother split when he was four years old. That hardly mattered, as his father and stepfather both coached the team he played in as a youngster.

He hankers for a return to England hoping to be involved in the academy arrangement drawn up between the Knights and English Premier League club Charlton Athletic.

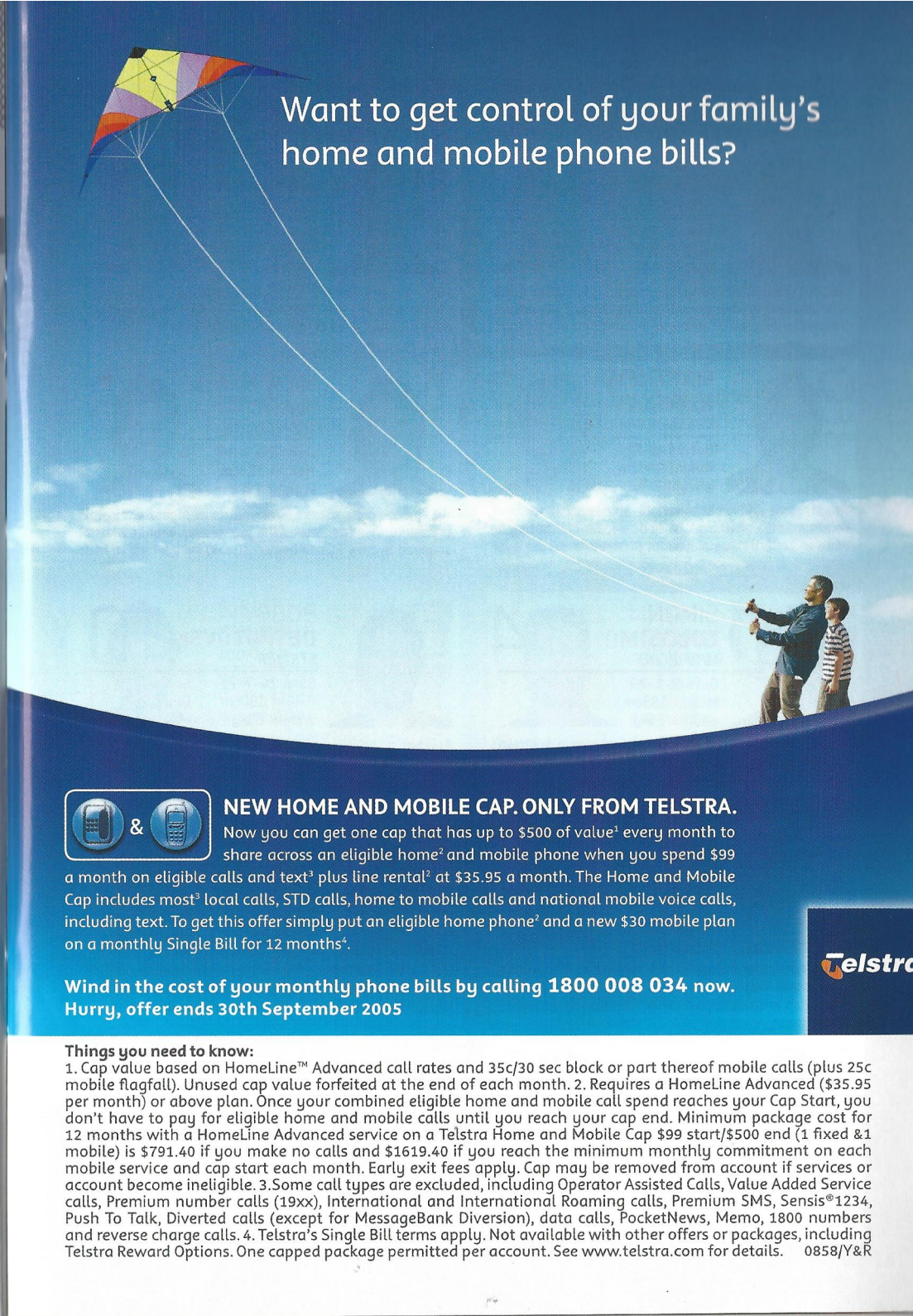
"I don't want to play my whole career in Australia," says Bright, who quickly adds that the high standard in the Hyundai A-League has surprised many.

And, he quickly admits, the new league is a huge step up from the New Zealand Football Championship he played last season.

Bright, who shares a flat with fellow Knights Cole Tinkler and Ben Collett, has quickly shown out as a better-than-average performer in the hapless Knights. But he also knows he came in as a replacement player and that his time in the sun could end any time soon.

But football will always be his passion, after all, in his younger days he was a better-then-average cricketer, playing as a top-order batsman and wicketkeeper. His mother wanted him to go with cricket, father Dave "wasn't bothered", but 15-year-old Kris had no doubts.

Football won out, and he now has his sights set on going "as far as possible".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PERTH GLORY
Player Profiles

JASON PETKOVIC — 1
GOALKEEPER

Born 7-12-72 **Games** 12
Height 194cm **Goals** 0
Weight 85kg

Second spell with Perth after a season in Turkey. Former NSL goalkeeper-of-the-year and has played at senior international level.

MATTHEW HORSLEY — 2
DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

Born 9-6-72 **Games** 7
Height 183cm **Goals** 0
Weight 77kg

Tough, game and consistent right-sided wing-back. Four-time NSL champion, twice as skipper of Wollongong, twice with Perth. Has played for Australia at senior level.

SIMON COLOSIMO — 4
MIDFIELDER

Born 8-1-79 **Games** 11
Height 183cm **Goals** 0
Weight 75kg

Current international who scored the winner in Australia's victory over New Zealand in London. A Marston medal-winner for best afield in an NSL grand final.

JAMIE HARNWELL — 5
DEFENDER

Born 21-7-77 **Games** 13
Height 188cm **Goals** 2
Weight 93kg

One of Perth's more experienced players, he is a no-nonsense defender who bobs up at the other end of the pitch to score crucial goals. The Glory's captain.

STEVE McMAHON JR — 6
MIDFIELDER

Born 31-7-84 **Games** 11
Height 175cm **Goals** 0
Weight 71kg

The first signing made by his father Steve, the Glory's coach. Hard-running and tenacious, he also played for McMahon senior at Blackpool in England.

SCOTT MILLER — 7
DEFENDER

Born 18-5-72 **Games** 12
Height 178cm **Goals** 0
Weight 75kg

Miller has been with the Glory since the club entered the old NSL in 1996. Left-sided wing-back who missed much of last year with Achilles problems.

NICK WARD — 8
MIDFIELDER

Born 24-3-85 **Games** 13
Height 183cm **Goals** 1
Weight 79kg

Young Socceroo anxious to stake his claim. A hard-working, tireless runner who scored the pre-season winner which snapped Sydney FC's unbeaten streak.

BOBBY DESPOTOVSKI — 10
STRIKER

Born 14-7-71 **Games** 13
Height 180cm **Goals** 7
Weight 81kg

Another in the veteran class, Glory's all-time top scorer put off retirement for another shot at the top-level in Australia. Quick, skilful and retains his eye for goal.

DANIEL VASILEVSKI — 11
MIDFIELDER

Born 4-9-81 **Games** 0
Height 177cm **Goals** 0
Weight 78kg

Ex-Carlton and Melbourne Knights junior international with a lot of class who's career has been blighted by injury. Used mainly as a wing-back or wide midfielder.

HIROYUKI ISHIDA — 12
WINGER

Born 13-8-79 **Games** 10
Height 171cm **Goals** 0
Weight 67kg

Flashy, pacy Japanese winger who illustrates the global nature of the game, having played in Brazil before arriving in Australia.

ANTE KOVACEVIC — 13
DEFENDER

Born 13-6-74 **Games** 9
Height 186cm **Goals** 0
Weight 89kg

Experienced, tough-tackling centre-back with good leadership qualities who can also play as a sweeper. Won two NSL titles as a youngster with the Melbourne Knights.

JAMIE COYNE — 14
DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

Born 2-1-81 **Games** 10
Height 175cm **Goals** 0
Weight 76kg

Nowadays a right-back, Coyne began as a midfielder. Left Perth as a youngster and went to West Ham. Also had a spell in the Netherlands.

BILLY CELESKI — 15
MIDFIELD

Born 14-7-85 **Games** 12
Height 178cm **Goals** 0
Weight 73kg

Another Victorian who has gone west, Celeski came through the VIS program before moving on to the AIS. Has played for the Young Socceroos.

STUART YOUNG — 17
STRIKER

Born 16-12-72 **Games** 1
Height 183cm **Goals** 0
Weight 85kg

Veteran striker who will provide forward cover. Twice NSL champion alongside Horsley at Wollongong.

HENRY FA'ARODO — 18
STRIKER

Born 5-10-82 **Games** 5
Height 172cm **Goals** 0
Weight 70kg

The only Solomon Islands international in the Hyundai A-League. Blessed with lightening pace, but needs to improve his first touch if he wants to become a regular.

NAUM SEKULOVSKI — 19
MIDFIELDER/WINGER

Born 14-5-82 **Games** 10
Height 181cm **Goals** 3
Weight 81kg

Another Victorian who came out of the VIS program, and played at a number of NSL clubs. An attacking midfielder who will be expected to provide support in the final third.

MILAN JOVANIC — 20
GOALKEEPER

Born 31-7-85 **Games** 0
Height 187cm **Goals** 0
Weight 85kg

The Serbia and Montenegro youth international was pitched into action as first-choice keeper before Petkovic's clearance from Turkey came through.

ADRIAN CACERES — 21
MIDFIELDER/STRIKER

Born 1-10-82 **Games** 11
Height 180cm **Goals** 1
Weight 78kg

Won two NSL titles with the Glory before moving to the Wycombe Wanderers in England. He is on a short-term contract replacing the injured Neil Teggart.

DAMIAN MORI — 22
STRIKER

Born 30-9-70 **Games** 9
Height 182cm **Goals** 5
Weight 87kg

Former Adelaide City champion who has also been capped for the Qantas Socceroos 49 times. Once held the world record for fastest goal – in 3.69 seconds.

PERTH GLORY

Homeground:
Members Equity Stadium, Perth

Coach:
Steve McMahon

Captain:
Jamie Harnwell

No.	Name	Position	Goals
1.	Jason Petkovic	Goalkeeper	
2.	Matthew Horsley	Defender/Midfielder	
4.	Simon Colosimo	Midfielder	
5.	Jamie Harnwell	Defender	
6.	Steve McMahon Jr	Midfielder	
7.	Scott Miller	Defender	
8.	Nick Ward	Midfielder	
10.	Bobby Despotovski	Striker	
11.	Daniel Vasilevski	Midfielder	
12.	Hiroyuki Ishida	Winger	
13.	Ante Kovacevic	Defender	
14.	Jamie Coyne	Defender/Midfielder	
15.	Billy Celeski	Midfield	
17.	Stuart Young	Striker	
18.	Henry Fa'arodo	Striker	
19.	Naum Sekulovski	Midfielder	
20.	Milan Jovanic	Goalkeeper	
21.	Adrian Caceres	Midfielder/Striker	
22.	Damian Mori	Striker	

TEAM SCORE

Half-time

Full-time

NEWCASTLE JETS

No.	Name	Position	Goals
1.	Liam Reddy	Goalkeeper	
2.	Steve Eagleton	Defender	
3.	Jade North	Defender	
4.	Craig Deans	Defender	
5.	Ned Zelic	Midfielder/Defender	
7.	Richard Johnson	Midfielder	
8.	Matthew Thompson	Midfielder	
9.	Ante Milicic	Striker	
10.	Nick Carle	Midfielder	
11.	Guy Bates	Striker	
12.	Paul Kohler	Defender	
13.	Matteo Corbo	Defender	
14.	Jobe Wheelhouse	Midfielder	
15.	Stuart Musialiak	Midfielder	
16.	Labinot Haliti	Striker	
17.	Franco Parisi	Striker	
19.	Mark Bridge	Striker	
20.	Andy Petterson	Goalkeeper	
22.	Allan Picken	Defender	

Homeground:
Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle

Football Manager:
Richard Money

Captain:
Ned Zelic

TEAM SCORE

Half-time

Full-time

NEWCASTLE UNITED JETS

Player Profiles

LIAM REDDY 1
GOALKEEPER

Born 8-8-81 **Games** 12
Height 189cm **Goals** 0
Weight 96kg

Tall, powerful and good in the air, Reddy had a repuation as something of a wild man, but he has cleaned up his act to become better known for his goalkeeping abilities.

STEVE EAGLETON 2
DEFENDER

Born 26-10-76 **Games** 4
Height 168cm **Goals** 0
Weight 71kg

An experienced and dependable defender who had stints at several of the old NSL clubs in NSW. A consistent contributor who will bring stability to the defence.

JADE NORTH 3
DEFENDER

Born 7-1-82 **Games** 10
Height 179cm **Goals** 0
Weight 78kg

A full international who preferred to stay at home and build a career in the Hyundai A-League than try overseas. North can play anywhere across the backline.

CRAIG DEANS 4
DEFENDER

Born 7-5-74 **Games** 2
Height 187cm **Goals** 0
Weight 87kg

Tall, experienced centre-back whose height makes him a threat at set pieces when he gets forward, which he likes to do. Was at Newcastle in the old NSL.

NED ZELIC 5
MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER

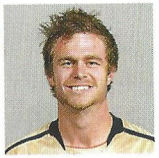
Born 4-7-71 **Games** 12
Height 186cm **Goals** 1
Weight 86kg

One of Australia's best-ever players, Zelic can play in midfield or at the back with equal ease. Returned home after more than a decade in Europe.

RICHARD JOHNSON 7
MIDFIELDER

Born 27-4-74 **Games** 11
Height 178cm **Goals** 1
Weight 83kg

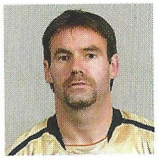
Played in the English Premier League with Watford and earned full international honours. Johnson returned home after a lengthy stay in English football.



MATTHEW THOMPSON 8
MIDFIELDER

Born 18-8-82 **Games** 12
Height 177cm **Goals** 1
Weight 78kg

Steady and hard-working midfield performer for Parramatta Power in the old NSL who did well for the Jets in pre-season.



ANTE MILICIC 9
STRIKER

Born 4-4-74 **Games** 10
Height 181cm **Goals** 3
Weight 80kg

One of, if not the, top striker in the Hyundai A-League. A current Socceroo, Milicic has scored goals wherever he has played.

NICK CARLE 10
MIDFIELDER

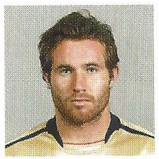
Born 23-11-81 **Games** 11
Height 174cm **Goals** 3
Weight 78kg

Skilful and wonderfully tricky, Carle has been one of the best Australian players of his age group since his junior days. Has played for the senior Australian national team.

GUY BATES 11
STRIKER

Born 31-10-85 **Games** 3
Height 185cm **Goals** 0
Weight 82kg

Hoping to bring goals from Newcastle to Newcastle. Joined the Australian Novocastrians from their English counterparts, where he played in the Premier League.



PAUL KOHLER 12
DEFENDER

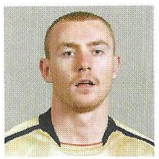
Born 5-8-79 **Games** 11
Height 175cm **Goals** 0
Weight 70kg

Experienced defender who played in the NSL for several seasons with Sydney Olympic. Will bolster a strong Jets defensive line-up.

MATTEO CORBO 13
DEFENDER

Born 21-4-86 **Games** 10
Height 181cm **Goals** 0
Weight 73kg

The last player to sign with the Jets, Uruguayan Corbo is a left-sided defender who comes to Australia after a spell with English League One club Barnsley.



JOBE WHEELHOUSE 14
MIDFIELDER

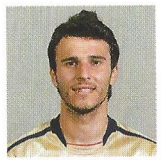
Age 20 **Games** 3
Height 182cm **Goals** 0
Weight 77kg

Youth international who will miss the start of the new league because of long-term ankle injury which kept him out of the under-20 World Cup in the Netherlands.

STUART MUSIALIK 15
MIDFIELDER

Born 29-3-85 **Games** 12
Height 175cm **Goals** 1
Weight 70kg

A Newcastle junior who played for the Young Socceroos in the World Cup. Playing in central midfield, he looks to be one of the top under-20 signings in the league.



LABINOT HALITI 16
STRIKER

Born 26-10-84 **Games** 11
Height 184cm **Goals** 1
Weight 76kg

Forced to flee to Australia from Kosovo in 2000 with his family, this exciting forward's hot form in the NSW Premier League with Sydney United earned him a deal.

FRANCO PARISI 17
STRIKER

Born 3-5-83 **Games** 6
Height 178cm **Goals** 2
Weight 74kg

A mobile frontman who played 58 NSL games as a youngster and also represented his country at under-20 level.

MARK BRIDGE 19
STRIKER

Born 7-11-85 **Games** 5
Height 180cm **Goals** 0
Weight 82kg

Ruled out of the World Youth Championships in June with a foot injury, Bridge will be hoping to break into the starting line-up as Milicic's strike partner.

ANDY PETTERSON 20
GOALKEEPER

Born 26-9-69 **Games** 0
Height 189cm **Goals** 0
Weight 96kg

Perhaps the most experienced of all the overseas recruits, WA-born Petterson has played in England since 1989, making over 200 first-team appearances.

TAREK ELRICH 21
MIDFIELDER

Born 1-1-87 **Games** 1
Height 180cm **Goals** 0
Weight 70kg

Member of the 2004 Australian schoolboys side, Elrich has been drafted into the squad to replace the injured Jobe Wheelhouse.

ALLAN PICKEN 22
DEFENDER

Born 17-9-81 **Games** 11
Height 189cm **Goals** 0
Weight 88kg

Drafted into the squad to replace Andrew Durante who suffered a broken leg in the pre-season.

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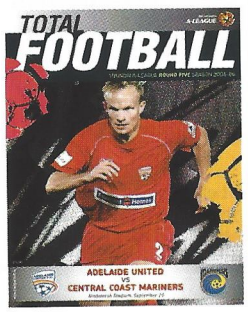

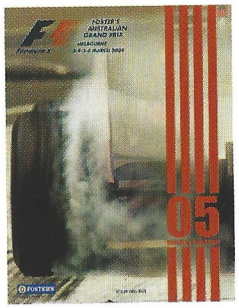

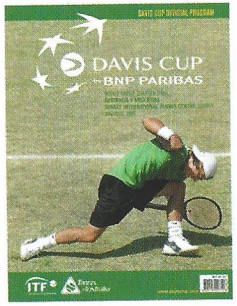

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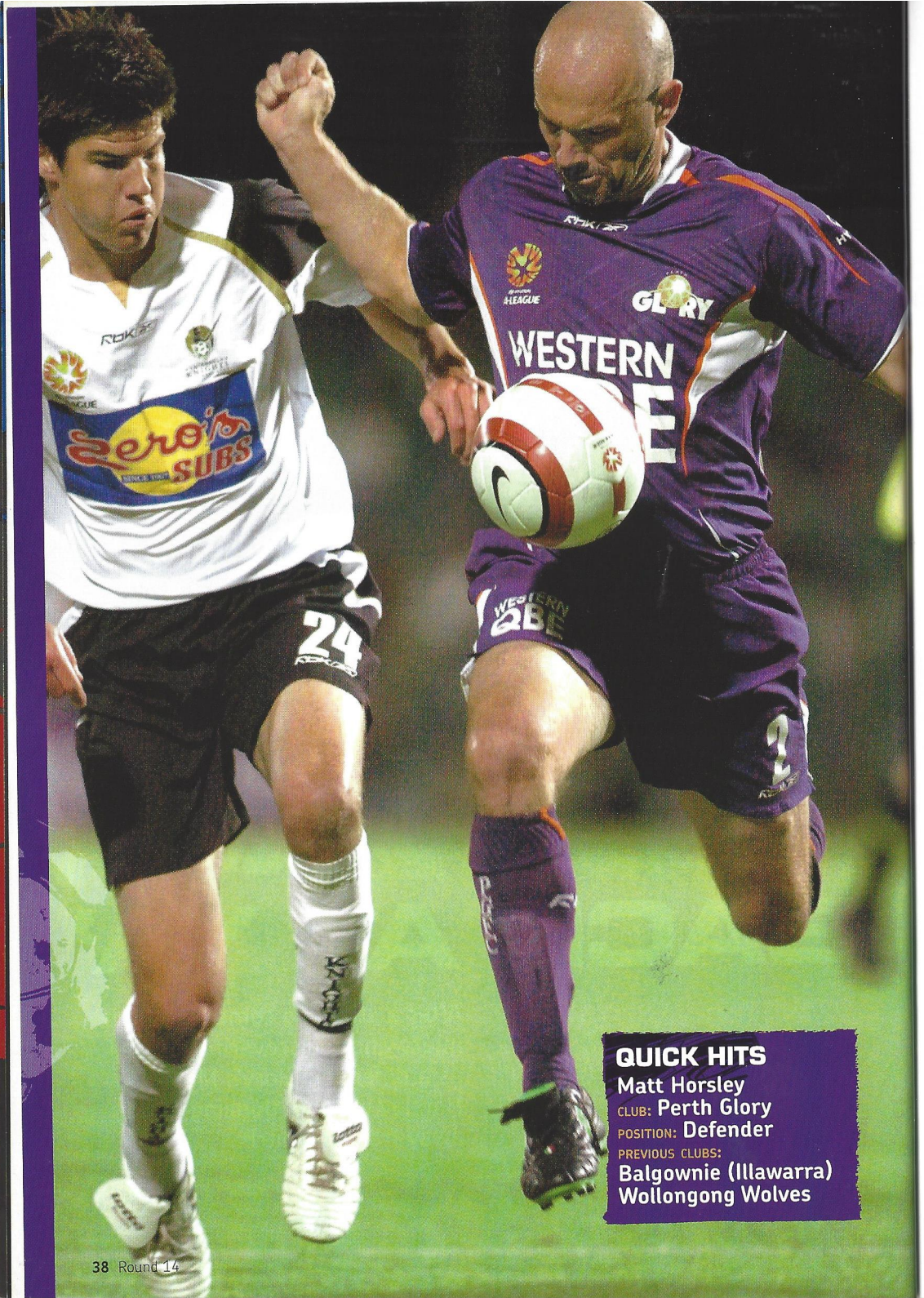
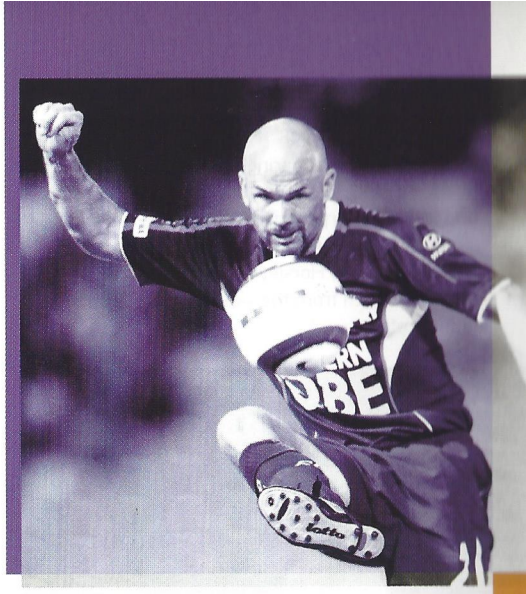
RIGHT BACK AT YA'

After a stunning comeback from injury and rediscovering himself as a defender, Glory's Matt Horsley is again thinking of life away from the pitch.



QUICK HITS
Matt Horsley
CLUB: **Perth Glory**
POSITION: **Defender**
PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Balgownie (Illawarra)
Wollongong Wolves

Left: Horsley is contested by New Zealand's Kris Bright.



It was a long time coming, but when Matt Horsley finally got his opportunity in the Perth Glory starting lineup this season, he seized it like it was to be his last.

It was typical of the man; his adjustment from surging, wide midfielder to composed defender has even surprised himself.

After his patience had been tested during the first eight rounds when he failed to break into the starting 11, he excelled at right-back against Melbourne Victory before finding himself in unfamiliar territory at centre-back.

"Yeah, I've surprised myself" he says, after more than holding his own in the middle of the defence against Queensland, Adelaide and New Zealand.

"I didn't think I would go as well as I have. There are lots of little things that I'm trying to do right, but you're always learning in this game. At 33, I'm learning how to be a centre-back."

Horsley is quick to point out the invaluable assistance provided by regulars in the Glory rear guard, Scott Miller and skipper Jamie Harnwell.

Without their verbal guidance, Horsley admits he might have been prone to wandering out of position or finding himself just a bit too eager to lend his assistance further forward on the pitch.

"It's totally different to how I normally play. I like to go forward, but (at centre-back) you have to concentrate a lot more and be aware of people's runs," he says.

"It's maybe not as hard physically, but it's hard mentally because you're always chatting and always keeping an eye out.

"Reggie (Miller) and Jamie have been brilliant. Jamie really talked me through the first game when we played Queensland Roar because they had some very quick and dynamic players and they played really good football."

After such an emphatic return to action with Perth, it is difficult to imagine that almost two years ago – just for a moment – the dogged and determined midfielder-cum-defender had considered his playing days over.

Despite the grit and resolve that had taken him through more than 12 years of football in Australia's national competition, he had reached an apparent dead end that, at the time, suggested there would be no u-turn.

A knee injury picked up during a match against Wollongong Wolves, a club he had helped win two championships before moving to Perth to double his medal tally, had left Horsley in a crumpled mess.

The news was not good. He had torn ligaments and was facing a knee reconstruction.

But Horsley is made of stern stuff. Just days after he had contemplated hanging up his boots, and as he readied himself to face the surgeon's knife, he was suddenly convinced he would make his return.

"It just wasn't how I wanted to go out," he reflects.

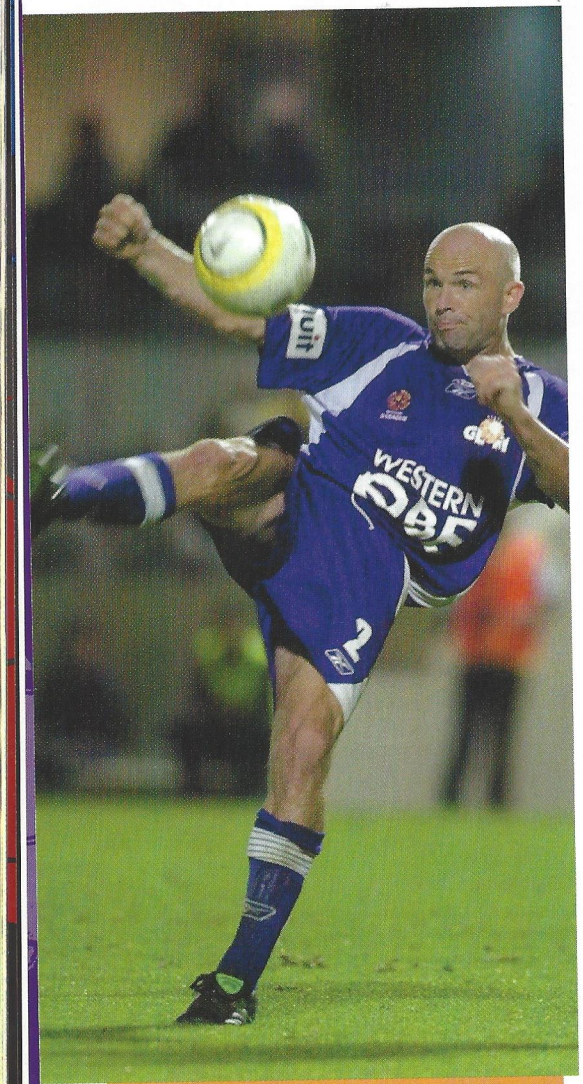
Some 14 months later, long after the old national league obituaries had been written, he was ready for the Hyundai A-League.

"I'm not even thinking about my knee; not even contemplating it," he says.

By the time the covers were pulled from the Hyundai A-League in August, Horsley was back to full fitness and ready to show the new competition that he had lost none of the verve that had frightened the wits out of opposing players.

But despite his roaring comeback, he found himself down the pecking order under new coach and former Liverpool midfielder Steve McMahon.

Rumours abounded that after fighting his way back from injury, Horsley's frustration at being forced to watch from the sidelines was tempting him to retire.



Horsley in action against the Newcastle Jets.

But before he had much time to ponder retirement, a string of injuries in the Glory ranks opened up a window of opportunity. In his first match he slotted in to the familiar right-back role in the absence of the injured Jamie Coyne. The following week, an injury to Ante Kovacevic opened up a place in the centre of the defence.

"You want to play as much as you can and it's been unlucky for Coyney and Ante, but it's given me an opportunity to come back in and I've really enjoyed it," Horsley says.

"I was very apprehensive about playing in there in case I got in wrong positions, and I'm not the greatest tackler going around. But it's been great."

When pushed to point out an aspect of his game, even of his character, that has contributed to his success at centre-back Horsley struggles to come up with a response.

Either he really is puzzled by his own accomplishment or he is too much of a team player to be comfortable discussing the finer points of his own game.

Harnwell is only too happy to fill in the blanks.

"He's done well simply because he's worked so hard. He's just like a terrier. If someone's got the ball, he's right round them and doesn't give them a second," Harnwell says.

"Technically there are times when he might drop off a bit far or push up a bit too much, but if you attack the ball like he does, you can more than make up for that.

"Any time a ball drops around him you know he's going to get a challenge in, and most of the time he comes away with the ball."

Horsley gives the impression he is satisfied with his comeback.

"I just wanted to know if I could come back and do it," he says.

Sadly, the December 4 match against Central Coast is likely to be Horsley's last date with the Glory; he is relocating for family reasons. He will be missed by the Glory faithful, but sees a great future for the Hyundai A-League.

"I think in four or five years the league is going to be brilliant. It's already growing and there is some very good football being played."

Jonathan Cook is football writer for The West Australian *newspaper.*

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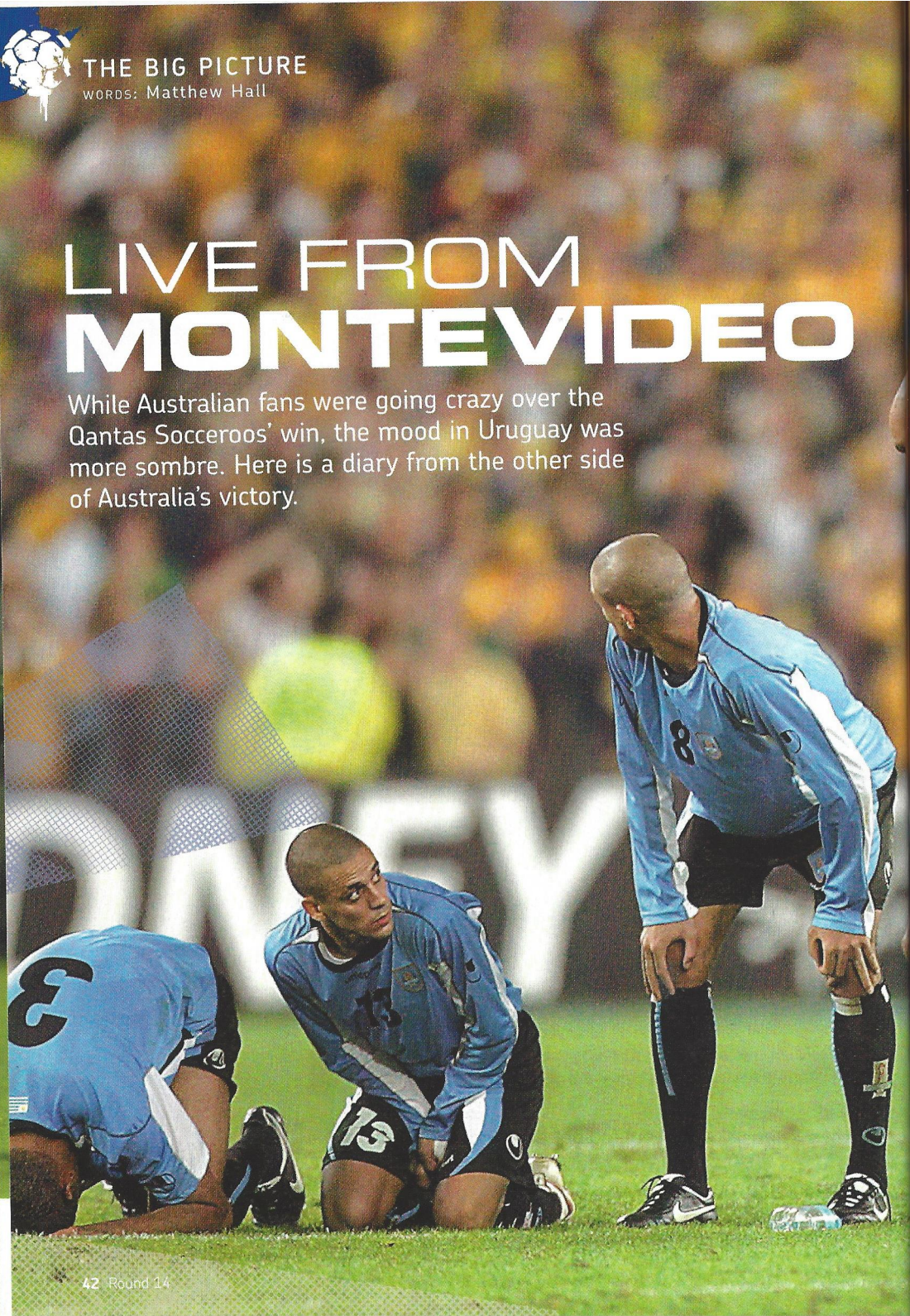
LIVE FROM MONTEVIDEO

While Australian fans were going crazy over the Qantas Socceroos' win, the mood in Uruguay was more sombre. Here is a diary from the other side of Australia's victory.



A Uruguayan football fan watching a broadcast of the Sydney game in Montevideo.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Buenos Aires
When the ball hits the back of the net for the first goal, La Bombonera goes off, big time. The Chocolate Box, Boca Juniors' home ground, is stuffed with 57,000 rabid fans screaming, shouting and pleading for Boca to pull back an early goal.

The Buenos Aires side, which has produced some of Argentina's greatest players, including Diego Maradona, is locked in battle with Brazilian side Internacional in a quarter-final of the Copa Sudamericana, a knockout tournament for clubs across South America. Boca have to overcome a 1-0 deficit from the first leg.

Across from our seats (actually concrete slabs high above a corner flag) sit Diego Maradona and his guest, Guus Hiddink. Within hours of Australia's arrival in Buenos Aires, Maradona called Hiddink to anoint Australia as victors against Uruguay. As you do. And with God on Australia's side, anything is possible.

"The booing begins when Mark Schwarzer comes out to warm up ... It goes on when the first bars of Advance Australia Fair chime – if you can hear it."

Maradona is everywhere in Buenos Aires. A few nights before the Boca match, we watched *La Noche Del 10* ("The Night of the 10"), Maradona's extravagant TV show. There is no Australian comparison. But if Harry Kewell were to host a revived *Hey Hey It's Saturday*, dressed head to toe in a white suit surrounded by pom-pom waving cheerleaders, you would be one-quarter there. Add Mark Schwarzer playing the role of Red Symons (in Maradona's case, former Argentina goalkeeper Sergio Goycocheya) and you begin to get a clearer idea. Add guests – in this case Mike Tyson – and you have a show unlike any other.

Boca beat Internacional 4-1 in a pulsating game. A section of the Boca fans are known as *La Doce*, or "The 12th". To the team, the feverish support is the extra player on the pitch. Among the visiting Aussies, it's decided the same level of support will be required back in Sydney. Little did we know ...

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Montevideo
Our arrival in Montevideo, a few hours ahead of the team, is so low-key we may have arrived in Ballarat rather than the assumed seething cauldron of fiery hate that many had expected. The biggest danger to any arriving Australians at the airport are the duty-free shop girls dressed up in super-tight, white pants (apparently advertising whiskey).

Later, outside the Radisson Hotel, a group of school kids gather to welcome the Qantas Socceroos' team bus.

"Mark Viduka is the best in the Australian team," screams Maximilian, who says he's 10 years old. Maybe he's picking a fight. "But Diego Forlan is better."

"Well Forlan better watch out for Vince Grella," we hit back. "Grella will eat Forlan for breakfast, lunch, and dinner."

The bemused kid doesn't respond, either because we've struck the first dagger into (10-year-old) Uruguayan hearts or he's never heard of Vince Grella. Or maybe he just has no idea what we're talking about.

Late afternoon, the squad heads to the Estadio Centenario to train. Even empty, the stadium is imposing – a concrete bowl with no modern-day facilities. We're led underground through cavernous corridors (decorated by posters from past World Cups), past simple dressing rooms, and up onto the pitch.

Australia appear calm and confident. Guus Hiddink jokes with the media. The sun sets across the stadium. After

Alvaro Recoba after his team's loss in Sydney.

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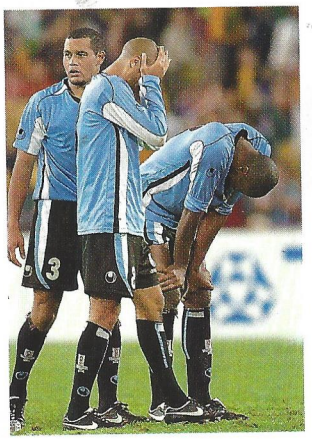

Left: An Uruguayan placard at Estadio Centenario.

Above: Members of the Uruguayan team after their defeat.

training, Harry Kewell reveals the confidence Hiddink has given the team. "We're only contemplating winning," he says.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Estadio Centenario

The booing and whistling begins when Mark Schwarzer comes out to warm up with goalkeeping coach Tony Franken. It continues when the rest of the team appear, and goes on when the first bars of *Advance Australia Fair* chime (if you can hear it, that is). By accident or design, Australia's national anthem begins before the boys have even lined up.

Despite the booing, Uruguay is perhaps the only country in the world where its football team is in no way a reflection of its people. With Richard Morales and his mates as ambassadors, the impression could quickly be formed that Uruguay is a country of rabid kangaroo hunters baying for Aussie blood. The streets? Desperately unsafe. The people? Rude and inhospitable to anyone wearing green and gold.

The reality so far is the complete opposite.

"Meet my new Australian mates," a taxi driver shouts to a colleague at a set of traffic lights. He lets us hang a Southern Cross flag out of his window and honks his horn at Uruguayan fans – who wave back.

"Don't talk to me about Alvaro Recoba," says Juan, at the hotel after the match. Many Uruguayans realise 1-0 is not enough to take to Sydney.

"You guys were great," says the waiter at a neighbourhood restaurant (we eat at midnight after the game – the restaurant is still full).

"Who do you think will go to Germany?"

"Australia," we reply, "possibly."

"You're probably right," he answers. "So good luck."

The best advertisement for the real Uruguay occurs when the Australian team leaves the Estadio Centenario after the game. The exit is deserted, except for a collection of Uruguayan fans and bored riot police, wanting to go home and watch the replay.

Among them are three generations of one family: a grandmother, a mother and father, and two young kids. They hold a Uruguayan flag as the Australian bus pulls away.

"Goodbye, good luck, well played," they shout. "Thank you, have a safe trip."

Tony Popovic, on the top deck of the bus, smiles and waves back.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Downtown Montevideo

At 6.30am, Montevideo appears quiet, even if cafés and bars are full of fans attempting to get the best position in front of TVs. If, as Australians, we're nervous watching the biggest event in recent Australian sports history behind enemy lines, then the locals are more so. Few people are talking. We order breakfast but can't eat. A cup of coffee is skolled. Is drinking scotch at 7am OK if it's 8pm in Sydney?

When Mark Bresciano scores, our small table is turned into La Bombonera. Our cover is blown. There are Australians in the midst. Expecting a barrage of abuse, all we get is a nod hello and polite applause. The game unfolds. Recoba's substitution is greeted by groans, Montero's departure by moans.

Extra time calls for privacy. We sprint back to the hotel, but not before the waiter gives a thumbs up.

"Australia deserves to win," he says.

"But first I think I will be sick," I reply. It occurs to me later that he probably thinks I was commenting on his food rather than my nerves.

The streets are empty for the penalty shoot-out except for buses keeping to their timetables. You can feel the country groan when Dario Rodriguez's penalty is saved. Silence is broken when John Aloisi scores; perhaps the only two Australians left in Uruguay let out a roar that could have been heard in Sydney if the entire city wasn't going crazy.

Two hours later, exhausted, we hail a cab.

"Where to?" says the driver.

"We're going to Germany," we reply.

"Ah, Australians!" he says.

He drives straight to the airport without asking if we are taking a plane – and gives us a half-price discount on the fare.

The Australian team in front of the Uruguayan crowd at Estadio Centenario.

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FOOTBALL SKILLS
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This week's skill:
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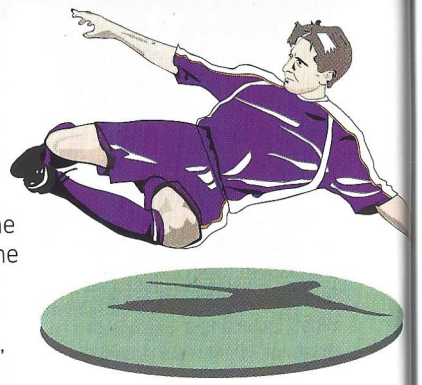
When volleying in football, you kick the ball while it's in mid-air, before it bounces. Although it's a harder move, sometimes the best option is to act quickly and catch defenders or the goalie off guard without taking the time to trap the ball. Because you will be standing on one leg when kicking volley, make sure your balance is good enough to let your other leg swing. To connect with the ball, judge when and where you think the ball will arrive, and time your strike for the exact right moment.

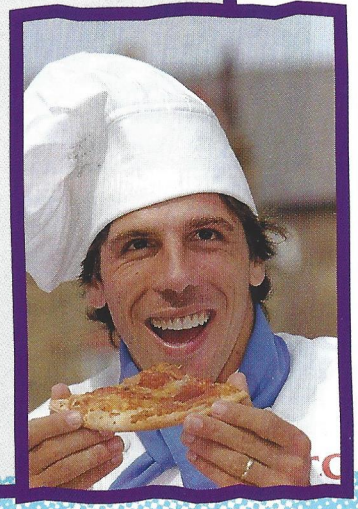


BOBBY SAYS:

"A volley is just like any other kick – if you lift your head too soon, you'll spray it over the crossbar. If the ball is coming towards you from a cross, position yourself so the ball will be in front of you and watch it all the way to your foot. When you kick it, don't lean back but keep your head and shoulders down. If you keep the ball low, the worst-case scenario is that it will come off your foot and hit the ground before it goes in the goal."

What in the weird?

The Spanish professional side Real Madrid pays the salaries of five of the 10 most highly paid footballers in the world, with combined annual earnings equal to about $130 million. While the huge salaries and transfer fees paid for professional footballers might seem unjust in a world where some people can't even afford to put food on the table, at least there are some soccer players trying to change things. In Norway, a footballer has agreed to play for a local club in exchange for all the pizza he can eat. But this isn't the first time a Norwegian football team has agreed to an outlandish contract. In a previous season, one player was sold to another club for his weight in prawns. Just think of how many kilos of prawns you could buy for $130 million!



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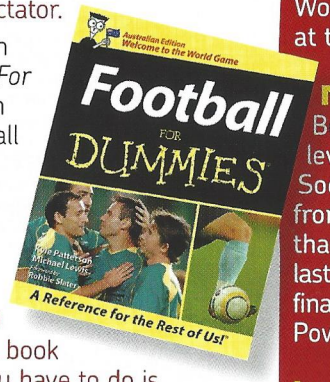

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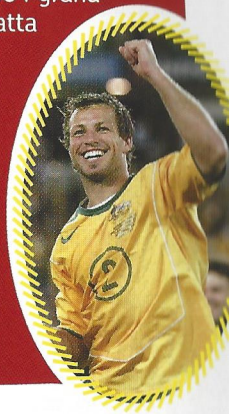
NSL

Before the Hyundai A-League, the top level of competition was the National Soccer League. Many former players from the NSL now make up the teams that form the Hyundai A-League. The last NSL game was the 2004 grand final between the Paramatta Power and Perth Glory.

Lucas Neill

Defender for the Qantas Socceroos and the Blackburn Rovers in the English Premier League. He was named man of the match in the second FIFA World Cup qualifier against Uruguay.



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13. Details from all entries will be collected and used for the purposes of conducting this promotion (which may include disclosure to third parties for the purpose of processing and conducting the promotion) and for publicity purposes surrounding this promotion. The Promoters, for publicity purposes, may use the name and image of the winners. HWT's privacy policies are available at privacy@hwtnewsltd.com.au. By entering this promotion, unless otherwise advised, each entrant also agrees that the Promoters may use this information in any media for future promotional, marketing and publicity purposes without any further reference, payment or other compensation to the entrant, including sending the entrant electronic messages. A request to access, update or correct any information should be directed to each of the Promoters at their addresses set out above.

FIXTURE

ROUND	FIXTURE	VENUE	KICK-OFF
ROUND 1			
Fri 26 Aug 05	Newcastle Jets FC 0 **Adelaide United FC 1**	EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle	8.00 pm
Fri 26 Aug 05	Perth Glory FC 0 **Central Coast Mariners FC 1**	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	8.00 pm
Sun 28 Aug 05	**Queensland Roar FC 2** New Zealand Knights FC 0	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	3.00 pm
Sun 28 Aug 05	Sydney FC 1 Melbourne Victory FC 1	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	5.00 pm
ROUND 2			
Fri 2 Sep 05	New Zealand Knights FC 1 **Sydney FC 3**	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Fri 2 Sep 05	Adelaide United FC 0 Queensland Roar FC 0	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	7.30 pm
Sun 4 Sep 05	Central Coast Mariners FC 1 Newcastle Jets FC 1	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	3.00 pm
Sun 4 Sep 05	Melbourne Victory FC 2 Perth Glory FC 2	Olympic Park, Melbourne	5.00 pm
ROUND 3			
Fri 9 Sep 05	**Adelaide United FC 1** Melbourne Victory FC 0	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	7.30 pm
Sat 10 Sep 05	Central Coast Mariners FC 0 **New Zealand Knights FC 2**	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	7.35 pm
Sat 10 Sep 05	**Perth Glory FC 2** Queensland Roar FC 1	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.35 pm
Sun 11 Sep 05	**Newcastle Jets FC 2** Sydney FC 1	EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle	5.00 pm
ROUND 4			
Fri 16 Sep 05	Sydney FC 2 **Central Coast Mariners FC 3**	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sat 17 Sep 05	Perth Glory FC 1 **Adelaide United FC 2**	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.35 pm
Sun 18 Sep 05	Queensland Roar FC 1 Melbourne Victory FC 1	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	3.00 pm
Sun 18 Sep 05	**Newcastle Jets FC 4** New Zealand Knights FC 0	EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle	5.00 pm
ROUND 5			
Thu 22 Sep 05	New Zealand Knights FC 0 **Perth Glory FC 1**	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Fri 23 Sep 05	Queensland Roar FC 1 **Sydney FC 3**	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	8.00 pm
Sun 25 Sep 05	Adelaide United FC 1 Central Coast Mariners FC 1	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	6.30 pm
Sun 25 Sep 05	**Melbourne Victory FC 1** Newcastle Jets FC 0	Olympic Park, Melbourne	5.00 pm
ROUND 6			
Fri 30 Sep 05	Central Coast Mariners FC 1 **Melbourne Victory FC 2**	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	8.00 pm
Sat 1 Oct 05	Newcastle Jets FC 0 **Queensland Roar FC 1**	EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle	7.35 pm
Sat 1 Oct 05	Perth Glory FC 1 **Sydney FC 2**	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.35 pm
Sun 2 Oct 05	New Zealand Knights FC 1 **Adelaide United FC 2**	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	6.00 pm
ROUND 7			
Fri 7 Oct 05	Queensland Roar FC 1 Central Coast Mariners 1	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	8.00 pm
Sat 8 Oct 05	Newcastle Jets FC 1 **Perth Glory FC 5**	EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle	7.35 pm
Sun 9 Oct 05	**Sydney FC 2** Adelaide United 1	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	5.00 pm
Mon 10 Oct 05	**Melbourne Victory FC 3** New Zealand Knights FC 0	Olympic Park, Melbourne	7.00 pm
ROUND 8			
Fri 14 Oct 05	Adelaide United FC 2 **Newcastle Jets FC 4**	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	7.30 pm
Sun 16 Oct 05	**Melbourne Victory FC 5** Sydney FC 0	Olympic Park, Melbourne	1.00 pm
Sun 16 Oct 05	New Zealand Knights FC 0 **Queensland Roar FC 2**	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	6.00 pm
Sun 16 Oct 05	**Central Coast Mariners FC 4** Perth Glory FC 0	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	5.00 pm
ROUND 9			
Fri 21 Oct 05	**Sydney FC 2** New Zealand Knights 0	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sat 22 Oct 05	Queensland Roar FC 1 **Adelaide United FC 2**	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	7.30 pm
Sun 23 Oct 05	**Newcastle Jets FC 1** Central Coast Mariners 0	EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle	5.00 pm
Sun 23 Oct 05	**Perth Glory FC 2** Melbourne Victory 1	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	5.00 pm
ROUND 10			
Fri 28 Oct 05	Melbourne Victory FC 0 **Adelaide United FC 1**	Olympic Park, Melbourne	8.00 pm
Sat 29 Oct 05	New Zealand Knights FC 1 **Central Coast Mariners FC 3**	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Sat 29 Oct 05	Queensland Roar FC 0 Perth Glory FC 0	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	7.30 pm
Sun 30 Oct 05	Sydney FC 1 Newcastle Jets FC 1	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	5.00 pm
ROUND 11			
Fri 4 Nov 05	New Zealand Knights FC 2 **Newcastle Jets FC 4**	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Fri 4 Nov 05	Melbourne Victory FC 0 **Queensland Roar 1**	Olympic Park, Melbourne	8.00 pm
Sat 5 Nov 05	Central Coast Mariners FC 1 **Sydney FC 5**	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	8.00 pm
Sun 6 Nov 05	Adelaide United FC 2 **Perth Glory FC 4**	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	4.30 pm
ROUND 12			
Fri 11 Nov 05	Melbourne Victory FC 0 Newcastle Jets FC 0	Olympic Park, Melbourne	8.00 pm
Fri 11 Nov 05	**Perth Glory FC 3** New Zealand Knights FC 0	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.00 pm
Sun 13 Nov 05	Central Coast Mariners FC 1 **Adelaide United FC 2**	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	3.00 pm
Sun 13 Nov 05	**Sydney FC 1** Queensland Roar FC 0	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	5.00 pm

ROUND	FIXTURE	VENUE	KICK-OFF
ROUND 13			
Fri 18 Nov 05	Melbourne Victory FC 0 **Central Coast Mariners FC 2**	Olympic Park, Melbourne	8.00 pm
Sat 19 Nov 05	Sydney FC 0 Perth Glory FC 0	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sun 20 Nov 05	**Adelaide United FC 1** New Zealand Knights FC 0	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	4.30 pm
Sun 20 Nov 05	Queensland Roar FC 0 **Newcastle Jets FC 1**	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	6.00 pm
ROUND 14			
Fri 25 Nov 05	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	8.00 pm
Fri 25 Nov 05	Perth Glory FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.00 pm
Sat 26 Nov 05	New Zealand Knights FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Sun 27 Nov 05	Adelaide United FC vs Sydney FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	4.30 pm
ROUND 15			
Thu 1 Dec 05	Queensland Roar FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	7.00 pm
Fri 2 Dec 05	Newcastle Jets FC vs Adelaide United FC	EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle	8.00 pm
Sat 3 Dec 05	Sydney FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sun 4 Dec 05	Perth Glory FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	5.00 pm
WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - WEEK ENDING 11 DECEMBER 2005			
WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - WEEK ENDING 18 DECEMBER 2005			
WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - WEEK ENDING 25 DECEMBER 2005			
ROUND 16			
Thu 29 Dec 05	Melbourne Victory FC vs Perth Glory FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne	8.00 pm
Fri 30 Dec 05	New Zealand Knights FC vs Sydney FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Sat 31 Dec 05	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	6.00 pm
Sun 1 Jan 06	Adelaide United FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	6.30 pm
ROUND 17			
Thu 5 Jan 06	Adelaide United FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	7.30 pm
Fri 6 Jan 06	Sydney FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sat 7 Jan 06	Perth Glory FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.00 pm
Sun 8 Jan 06	Central Coast Mariners FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	5.00 pm
ROUND 18			
Thu 12 Jan 06	Perth Glory FC vs Adelaide United FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.00 pm
Fri 13 Jan 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle	8.00 pm
Sat 14 Jan 06	Sydney FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sun 15 Jan 06	Queensland Roar FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	6.00 pm
ROUND 19			
Thu 19 Jan 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Perth Glory FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Fri 20 Jan 06	Adelaide United FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	7.30 pm
Sat 21 Jan 06	Queensland Roar FC vs Sydney FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	7.00 pm
Sun 22 Jan 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle	5.00 pm
ROUND 20			
Thu 26 Jan 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Queensland Roar FC	EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle	8.00 pm
Fri 27 Jan 06	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	8.00 pm
Sat 28 Jan 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Adelaide United FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Sun 29 Jan 06	Perth Glory FC vs Sydney FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	5.00 pm
ROUND 21			
Fri 3 Feb 06	Sydney FC vs Adelaide United FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sat 4 Feb 06	Melbourne Victory FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne	6.00 pm
Sat 4 Feb 06	Queensland Roar FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	7.00 pm
Sun 5 Feb 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Perth Glory FC	EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle	5.00 pm
FINALS			
WEEK 1	**SEMI-FINAL 1ST LEG**		
Fri 10 Feb 06	1 v 2		
Sun 12 Feb 06	3 v 4		
WEEK 2	**SEMI-FINAL 2ND LEG**		
Fri 17 Feb 06	1 v 2		
Sun 19 Feb 06	3 v 4		
WEEK 3	**PRELIMINARY FINAL**		
Sat 25 Feb 06	Loser (1 v 2) v Winner (3 v 4)		
WEEK 4	**GRAND FINAL**		
Sat 4 Mar 06	Winner (1 v 2) v Winner (Preliminary)		

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CLUBNEWS

A club-by-club guide to what's happening off the field in the Hyundai A-League.

Adam van Dommele and Ross Aloisi at training for Adelaide.

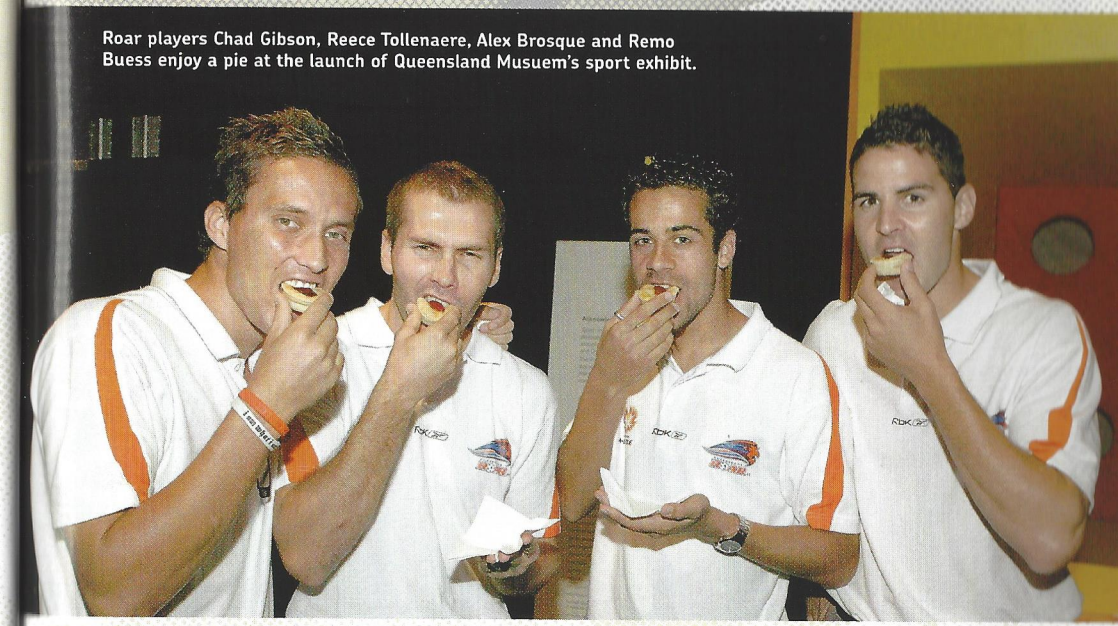
Queensland Roar

Once again, the Roar has had an active promotional week, starting with the Wishing Tree Appeal launch held at Suncorp Stadium, with Jonti Richter, Michael Baird, Karl Dodd and Matt McKay in attendance.

The K-mart Wishing Tree is Australia's and Queensland's largest Christmas gift appeal and has collected more than 2.9 million gifts for Australians in need in the past 17 years. This year, the appeal aims to collect 450,000 gifts nationally. In Queensland, the K-mart Wishing Tree Appeal supports The Salvation Army.

Roar coach Miron Bleiberg and players Chad Gibson, Remo Buess, Alex Brosque and Reece Tollenaere were guests at the official opening of "Sport: more than heroes and legends" at the Queensland Museum. This exhibition brings together more than 250 pieces of iconic sporting treasures across 60 different sports for the first time.

Roar players also took part in the McHappy Day events in McDonald's restaurants in the Myer Centre, Rocklea and Bracken Ridge stores. All the boys had a great time, serving customers and taking part in activities with the McDonald's crew.



Roar players Chad Gibson, Reece Tollenaere, Alex Brosque and Remo Buess enjoy a pie at the launch of Queensland Musuem's sport exhibit.

Melbourne Victory

Melbourne Victory's club shop has officially opened. All Melbourne Victory gear and merchandise is now available from 283 Bay Road, Cheltenham, just down from Southland Shopping Centre.

Now there's no need to miss any of the action on match day while waiting in queues for merchandise – the Victory Shop has it all. This is the place to grab a shirt, a cap and a jacket for the whole family.

There couldn't be a better gift this Christmas than authentic Melbourne Victory merchandise purchased directly from the club and seeing some aspiring Archie Thompsons under the Christmas tree.

Watch out for player appearances and signing sessions, as well as exclusive member discount nights coming up in the weeks ahead at the shop. The Melbourne Victory Shop is at 283 Bay Road, Cheltenham, and is open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. Phone 1300 783 014.

Adelaide United

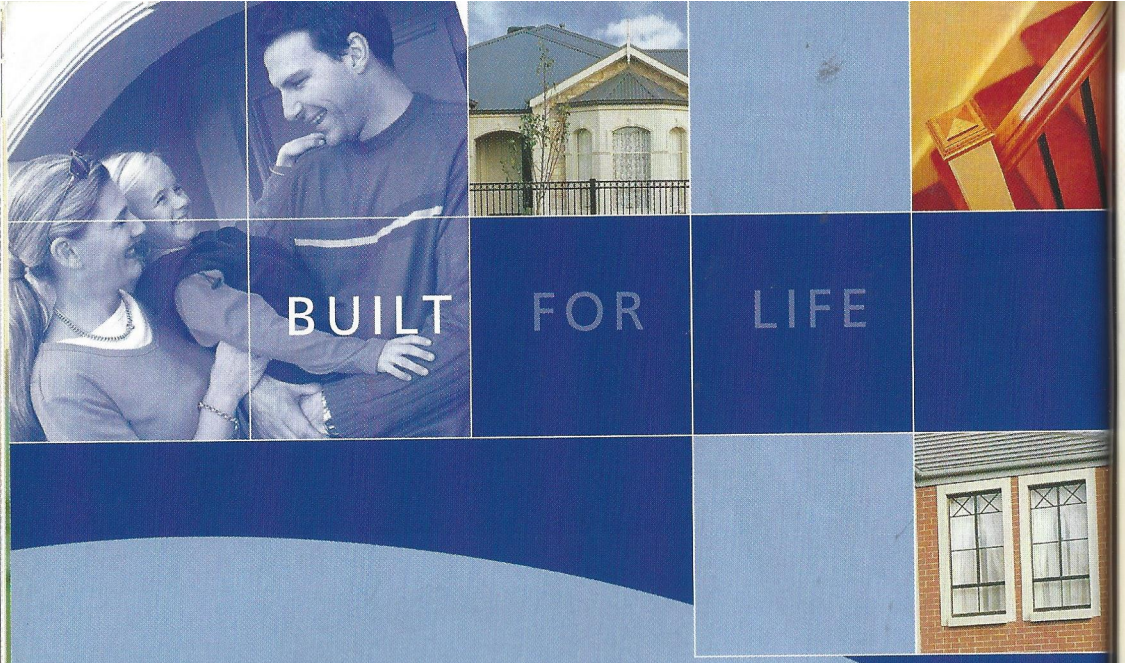
The Adelaide United boys have been out and about again visiting schools and football clubs around Adelaide. Kids from Walkerville Primary, St Peters College, North Ingle Primary, Star of the Sea School and Modbury Jets enjoyed participating in some skills sessions and competitions, getting autographs and having photos taken with the players.

United supporters should keep December 18 free to attend a twilight barbecue at Hindmarsh Stadium. Adults and kids will have the opportunity to hang out and have a kick with the Reds and enjoy the festivities. The events starts at 5pm and there is free entry for everyone.

Central Coast Mariners

The Central Coast Mariners match against the Queensland Roar on Friday will be preceded by a Qantas Matildas fixture, as they continue their campaign towards a berth at the FIFA Women's World Cup.

The Australians, coached by



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Sasho Petrovski and Kazuyoshi Miura in a training session for Sydney FC.

Tom Sermanni, will take on the ninth-ranked team in the world and forthcoming FIFA Women's World Cup hosts, China, in a two-leg series prior to the Qantas Matildas' upcoming qualifying series.

The Qantas Matildas will then play two training matches against the touring Chinese party at Mingara Recreation Club, the Mariners training facility, on November 28 and December 1.

The Mariners joint initiative with Arrive alive is in full swing, with six Mariners players attending school clinics each Monday promoting football in conjunction with the Arrive alive message.

Players visited Brisbane Water Secondary College last Monday, and schools at Wadalba and Narara Valley are due to be visited before the conclusion of the school term.

Newcastle Jets

The inaugural Jets Open Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday, November 27 at Adamstown Oval, where football fans, sports fans and families will have the opportunity to mingle with the Jets players and participate in fun games. Kids will have the opportunity to have a kick with the players, get autographs and be photographed with their favourite players.

With the Newcastle Jets' run of away games, Rebel Sport are urging fans to continue their support for the Newcastle Jets by offering a special discount on all Jets away jerseys. These classy white strips were $130, but are now just $100. Get into Rebel Sport at Charlestown and Greenhills now to pickup your Newcastle Jets away strip. But hurry, as this offer ends November 30.

Perth Glory

Perth Glory have teamed up with Powerade to give young footballers the chance to be crowned TKO champion of Western Australia. Powerade TKO (Technical Knock-Out) gives players the chance to beat each other in a one-on-one situation, showcasing the ultimate in fantastic football skills.

A special Powerade TKO cage has been built to stage the

contests and this will be taken to various locations around the Perth Metropolitan area as well as at every Perth Glory home match at Members Equity Stadium between now and the end of the season.

There are three different age groups (8–10 years, 11–13 years and 14–16 years) with the winners of each category in each location going through to the grand final at Perth Glory's home match against Sydney FC on January 29, 2006. There are heaps of prizes to be won including merchandise, CDs, movie passes, tickets to a Perth Glory home game and much more.

To enter the competition, sponsored by Powerade and Nova 93.7, simply turn up at one of the selected venues and purchase a Powerade or Coca-Cola product. Present proof of purchase to the competition coordinator at the venue.

Camille Scott launches the Smith Family Appeal in Melbourne with Victory's Michael Theoklitos, AFL player Angelo Lekkas and NRL player Glen Turner.

NEW ZEALAND KNIGHTS FOOTBALL CLUB

New Zealand Knights

On Thursday, December 1, the Knights' Supporters Club will be holding a foosball tournament at Sky City, sponsors of the New Zealand Knights. Sky City is challenging Knights supporters to test their skills at their purpose-built indoor football stadium. Participants can enter as singles, there will be spot prizes, and the winner will take away the magnificent Sky City foosball table. Table Football is played in well-organised leagues in the UK and there are some terrific players. And to add some spice to the big match day atmosphere, there will be some non-travelling Knights FC players making an appearance to see how they compete with the the fans on the tables.

SYDNEY FC

Sydney FC

With just six weeks remaining until Sydney FC ventures onto the world stage and Australian Football makes its first foray into Asia with the FIFA World Club Championships (CWC) in Japan, Sydney FC fans are being offered the chance to witness the historic moment first-hand.

Sydney FC won through to the FIFA CWC by claiming the Australian and then Oceania Qualifying Tournaments earlier this year and is ready to take on some of the world's most successful teams for the right to be crowned World Champion Club.

It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, not only for the players, but also for football fans.

Sydney FC has announced travel packages from McGann Travel, featuring return air travel with Qantas, eight nights' accommodation in Nagoya and Tokyo, internal travel on the bullet train and some exclusive Sydney FC merchandise. The tour leaves Sydney on December 10 and includes match tickets to three games, including the final, which will be at Yokohama Stadium before returning home on December 20.
Bookings can be made through McGann Travel on (02) 8543 3666 or online at www.mcganntravel.com.au.

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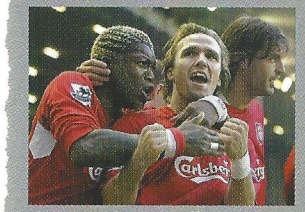
England Premier League

Sunday, November 20
Middlesborough 3 Fulham 2
Tottenham Hotspur 1
West Ham United 1

Saturday, November 19
Charlton Athletic 1 Manchester United 3
Chelsea 3 Newcastle United 0
Liverpool 3 Portsmouth 0
Manchester City 0 Blackburn Rovers 0
Sunderland 1 Aston Villa 3
West Bromwich Albion 4 Everton 0
Wigan Athletic 2 Arsenal 3

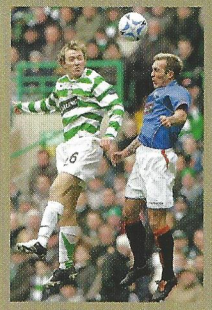


Liverpool's Boudewijn Zenden (centre) celebrates scoring against Portsmouth.

Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	13	11	1	1	31	7	34
Wigan	12	8	1	3	15	8	25
Manchester United	12	7	3	2	19	12	24
Arsenal	12	7	2	3	19	10	23
Bolton	12	7	2	3	14	11	23
Tottenham	13	5	7	2	15	10	22
Manchester City	13	6	3	4	15	11	21
West Ham	13	5	5	3	17	12	20
Liverpool	11	5	4	2	12	8	19
Charlton	12	6	1	5	17	17	19
Middlesbrough	13	5	3	5	18	18	18
Blackburn	13	5	3	5	15	15	18
Newcastle	13	5	3	5	12	13	18
Fulham	13	3	3	7	14	19	12
Aston Villa	13	3	3	7	13	22	12
West Bromwich Albion	13	3	2	8	13	22	11
Portsmouth	13	2	4	7	11	18	10
Everton	12	3	1	8	4	16	10
Birmingham	12	1	3	8	7	17	6
Sunderland	13	1	2	10	12	27	5

Scotland Premier League

Saturday, November 19
Celtic 3 Rangers 0
Dundee United 1 Motherwell 1
Dunfermline Athletic 0 Livingston 1
Hibernian 2 Falkirk 3
Kilmarnock 2 Inverness Caledonian Thistle 2



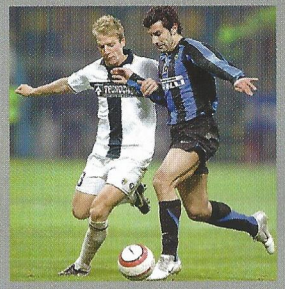
Celtic's Aiden McGeady, left, challenges Rangers' Fernando Ricksen.

Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	15	12	2	1	41	12	38
Hearts	15	11	3	1	31	10	36
Hibernian	15	10	1	4	28	17	31
Rangers	15	6	5	4	23	16	23
Kilmarnock	15	5	5	5	27	26	20
Motherwell	15	5	4	6	28	31	19
Aberdeen	15	4	6	5	18	18	18
Inverness Caledonian Thistle	15	4	6	5	17	19	18
Falkirk	15	4	4	7	16	28	16
Dundee United	15	3	5	7	17	26	14
Livingston	15	1	5	9	8	30	8
Dunfermline Athletic	15	1	2	12	9	30	5

Italy Serie A

Sunday November 20
Chievo Verona 1 Ascoli 1
Fiorentina 3 AC Milan 1
Lecce 3 Siena 0
Livorno 2 Empoli 0
Reggina 3 Cagliari 1
Sampdoria 2 Lazio 0
Treviso 2 Palermo 2

Saturday, November 19
AS Roma 1 Juventus 4
Udinese 1 Messina 0



Inter Milan's Luis Figo challenges Vince Grella of Parma.

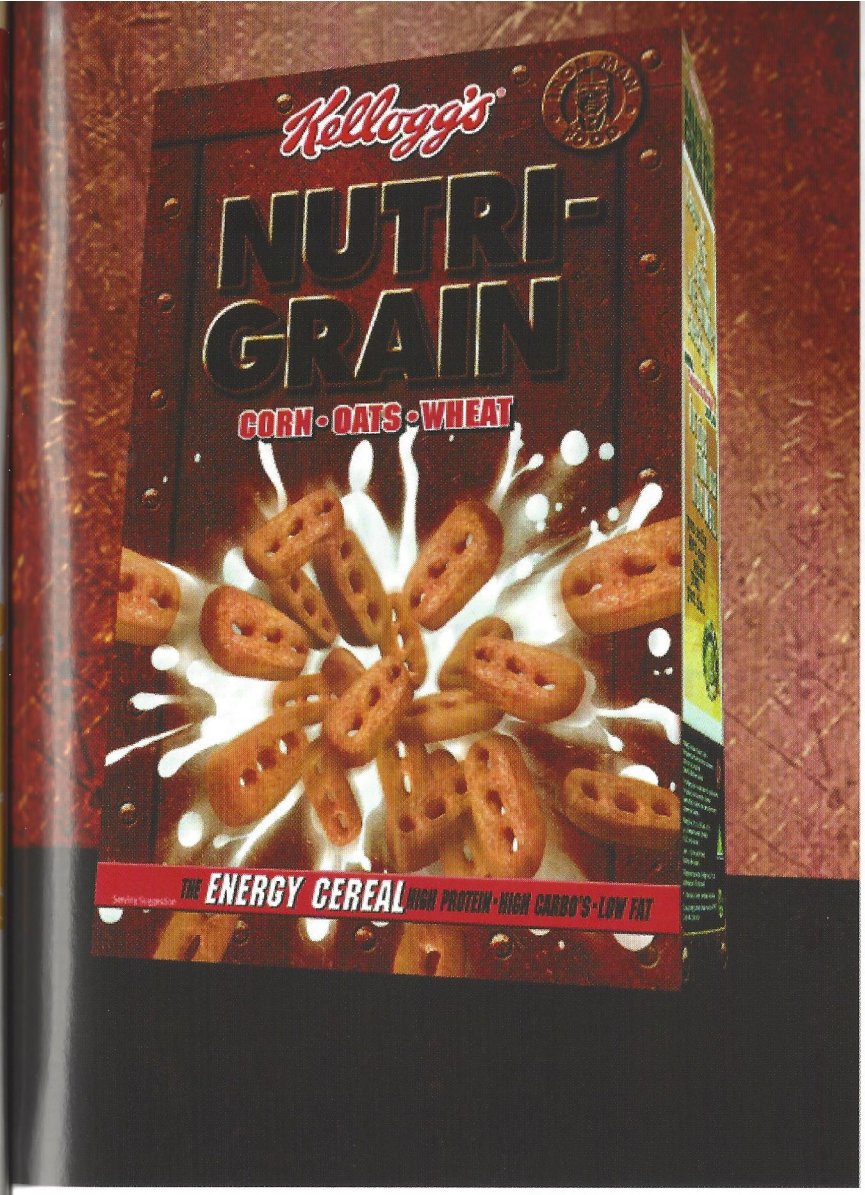
Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	12	11	0	1	26	6	33
AC Milan	12	9	1	2	27	12	28
Fiorentina	12	9	1	2	27	13	28
Inter Milan	12	7	2	3	22	10	23
Livorno	12	6	3	3	13	13	21
Sampdoria	12	6	2	4	23	17	20
Chievo	12	5	5	2	16	12	20
Roma	12	5	3	4	18	14	18
Palermo	12	4	5	3	19	18	17
Empoli	12	5	2	5	15	17	17
Udinese	12	5	2	5	13	16	17
Lazio	12	4	4	4	13	15	16
Siena	12	4	2	6	18	23	14
Ascoli	12	2	6	4	12	15	12
Reggina	12	4	0	8	13	19	12
Parma	12	2	3	7	10	21	9
Messina	12	1	5	6	10	18	8
Treviso	12	1	4	7	7	18	7
Lecce	12	2	1	9	8	21	7
Cagliari	12	0	5	7	8	20	5

Spain Primera Liga

Saturday, November 19
Getafe 0 Osasuna 0
Real Madrid 0 Barcelona 3
Sevilla 1 Real Betis 0
Villarreal 0 Real Zaragoza 0

Mallorca's Yoshito Okubo tackles Espanyol's Dani Jarque.

Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	12	7	4	1	30	11	25
Osasuna	12	8	1	3	16	11	25
Real Madrid	12	7	0	5	22	14	21
Villarreal	12	5	5	2	18	12	20
Sevilla	12	5	5	2	11	6	20
Celta Vigo	11	6	2	3	14	11	20
Getafe	12	5	3	4	17	16	18
Deportivo Coruna	11	4	5	2	14	12	17
Valencia	11	4	4	3	15	15	16
Real Sociedad	11	5	1	5	16	21	16
Atletico Madrid	11	4	3	4	11	10	15
Cadiz	11	3	4	4	8	11	13
Malaga	11	3	3	5	15	14	12
Real Mallorca	11	3	3	5	11	19	12
Racing Santander	11	2	5	4	6	8	11
Real Zaragoza	12	1	8	3	12	15	11
Real Betis	12	2	4	6	8	19	10
Espanyol	11	2	3	6	7	14	9
Alaves	11	1	5	5	9	16	8
Athletic Bilbao	11	1	4	6	11	16	7



NEW ZEALAND KNIGHTS FOOTBALL CLUB

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Kelloggs is proud to be the Official Breakfast Supplier to the New Zealand Knights Football Club. This partnership includes naming rights of the Nutri-Grain Allstar Cheerleaders who will perform pre-match and at half time at North Harbour Stadium. Children attending the Knights matches will also be able to take part in the Coco Pops Cheerleader Dance Classes. Kellogg's has a philosophy of encouraging men, women, boys and girls to be active as well as eating a balanced diet. By supporting the New Zealand Knights, Kellogg's aims to help inspire young football players to follow their dreams and achieve all of their goals - as many of the New Zealand Knights are currently doing.

QANTAS MATILDAS v CHINA

Friday, November 25, 5pm
Central Coast Stadium, Gosford, (prior to Central Coast Mariners v Queensland Roar); Qantas Matildas v China (practice match)

Monday, November 28, 7pm
Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi; Qantas Young Matildas v China (practice match)

Thursday, December 1, 1pm
Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi; Qantas Matildas v China (full international)

Saturday, December 3, 5pm
Aussie Stadium, Sydney (prior to Sydney FC v Melbourne Victory); Qantas Matildas v China (full international)

QANTAS MATILDAS TO HOST CHINA IN INTERNATIONAL SERIES

The Qantas Matildas will make their first appearance on home soil since March when China tour later this month for a series of matches.

China will play four matches over an eight-day period, with the tour highlighted by international matches played as double-headers with Hyundai A-League fixtures (see above).

Qantas Matildas coach Tom Sermanni has named a largely unchanged squad from that which undertook an undefeated tour of the US last month.

Coming into the squad are striker Lisa De Vanna, plus goalkeeper Emma Wirkus and debutant midfielder Lauren Colthorpe. Colthorpe is yet to appear for the Qantas Matildas, though she represented Australia at last year's FIFA Women's under-19 World Championship in Thailand.

"China are an important opponent for us as they are always extremely competitive," says Qantas Matildas coach Tom Sermanni.

"We have had a very good international program this year and this will be a very good way to finish the year.

"We have mostly played our matches away from home this year, but this will be a great chance for local supporters to see the team in action."

The matches will provide continued preparation for the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup and 2008 Olympic Games, both of which will be held in China.

China are currently ranked ninth in the world with Australia ranked 16th.

The Qantas Young Matildas will be in camp on the Central Coast from November 29 to December 1.

QANTAS MATILDAS INTERNATIONAL SQUAD AGAINST CHINA

Goalkeepers
1. Melissa Barbieri
18. Emma Wirkus

Defenders
2. Kate McShea
3. Karla Reuter
4. Thea Slatyer
5. Cheryl Salisbury
6. Rhian Davies
7. Heather Garriock

Midfielders
9. Alicia Ferguson
10. Joanne Peters
13. Lana Harch
14. Collette McCallum
15. Sally Shipard
17. Kylie Ledbrook
19. Lauren Colthorpe

Forwards
8. Sarah Walsh
11. Lisa De Vanna
12. Kate Gill
16. Caitlin Munoz
20. Jo Burgess

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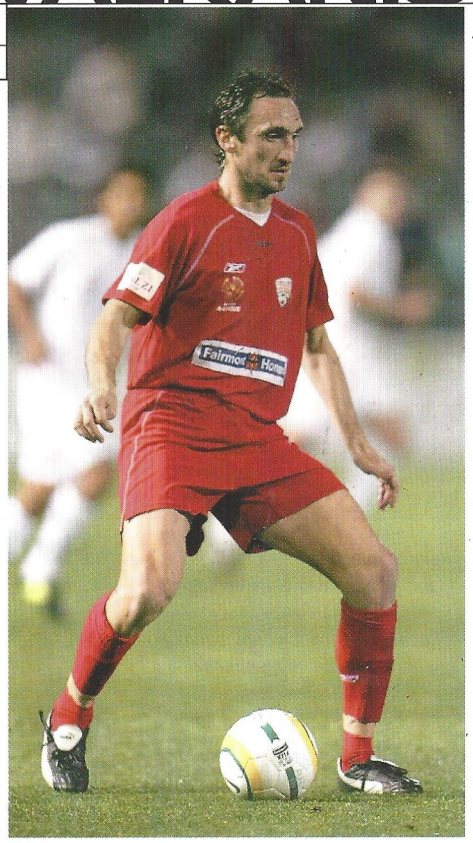
CLUB: Adelaide United FC **POSITION:** Central Defender

The rock in the middle of the Hyundai A-League's toughest defence, Michael Valkanis tells Marlo Dangerfield about erupting on the pitch.



What's your nickname around the club?
"Mickey", or sometimes they call me "Volcano", because I erupt with anger when we lose or when we concede goals. I hate conceding goals.

Was there one particular time that you erupted to get that nickname?
Yes, a few years back we were up 2-1 up against Wollongong in the NSL and we let in a shocker and drew the match. In the clubroom afterwards I threw a few fruit platters, so they called me "Volcano" – and it stuck.

You scored an own goal against Perth earlier this season – you wouldn't have enjoyed that.
No, (Perth Striker) Bobby Despotovski fell on me and the ball went in, but I gave him one later. I also scored a goal at the right end later that game, and we won – so it was OK in the end.

You won Adelaide United's inaugural Best Team-Man award. What do the other blokes like about you?
I think they were just scared I would erupt if I didn't get it.

Now the hard questions: The Rolling Stones or The Beatles?
The Beatles, because they're from Liverpool and I support Liverpool.

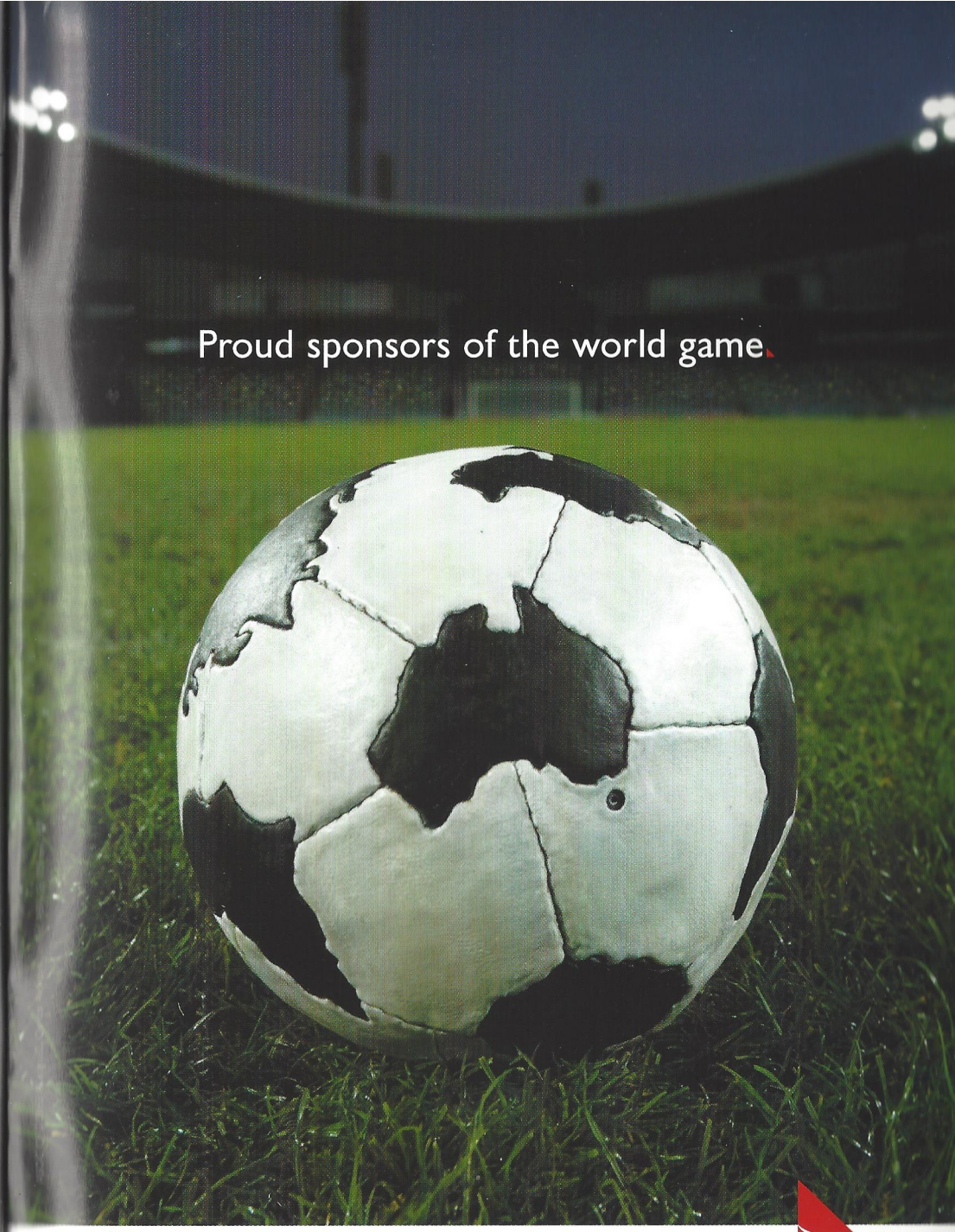
The cinema or DVDs?
We go to the movies once a week but we've just had a baby, so I'll have to get used to DVDs.

Cereal or toast?
Toast. I love my raisin bread.

Pélé or Maradona?
Maradona. In the 1986 World Cup, he practically won it by himself. He's a genius.

Qantas Socceroos or Greece?
That's a really hard one because I played with a lot of the Greek team in Greece and my background is Greek. But I'd have to say Qantas Socceroos.

If you had to have plastic surgery, what would you get done?
My nose – I'd make it smaller.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